



A SWAT team gathers near the scene of a shooting Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, in Souderton, Pa., outside Philadelphia. The suspected shooter, 35-year-old Bradley William Stone, was suspected in as many as six deaths Monday at three different homes in Philadelphia's northwest suburbs.
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At Press Time:

PA Police Search for Gunman in Series of Killings

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PENNSBURG, Pa. - Law

enforcement officials in Montgomery County said Monday that they were searching for a man ac-

cused of killing six people and seriously injuring at least one other person at three homes northwest of Philadelphia. In a statement, the Montgomery County district attorney identified the sus-

pect as William Stone, 35, of Pennsburg.

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Police gather near a home (right), Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, in Pennsburg, Pa., where suspect Bradley William Stone (above) was believed to have been hiding after shootings at multiple homes. Stone killed six people and seriously wounded another in three different homes outside Philadelphia and remained at large hours after the shootings, authorities said Monday.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

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All the victims had a "familial relationship" to Stone, District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman said in the statement.

Ferman said Stone was probably wearing military fatigues and was known to use a cane or walker. He had eluded police officers, who warned Pennsburg residents on Monday afternoon to remain inside with their doors locked.

"Police are conducting an extensive search in and



around Pennsburg, at both known and outdoor locations where Stone may be located," the Montgomery County district attorney's office said in a statement Monday. "People in that area should remain indoors, keep their doors locked and call 911 if they think they have seen the

suspect." The authorities have released very little information about the killings, which apparently started Monday at about 4 a.m. in Harleysville, about 35 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Neighbors said Stone went to the home of his former wife and shot her before leaving with their two chil-

dren. Local news media reported that the children were later found safe. On Monday morning, two bullet holes could be seen in the wall of a second-floor apartment at the apartment complex. It is not clear when the other killings took place, or what relationships the other victims

had to Stone.

Police officers, including members of special response teams, were seen outside homes in Pennsburg and nearby Souder-ton during the day as officers searched for Stone.

The Associated Press reported Monday afternoon that the police had converged on a home in Pennsburg, about 30 miles northwest of Philadelphia, and used a loudspeaker to try to compel an end to their daylong pursuit of Stone. The Pennsburg location was the second to be surrounded by the police. Earlier, law enforcement officials spent several hours at a Souderton home.

In Harleysville, neighbors of the woman said Stone told them that he was a former Marine who had been deployed to Iraq. One neighbor, Evon Weron, said Stone had a holstered pistol whenever he saw him. "He did carry a sidearm," he said. "Every time I seen him, it was with him." □

Largest immigration detention center opens in US

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DILLEY, Texas - Jeh Johnson, the secretary of Homeland Security, came to this South Texas outpost on Monday to inaugurate a 50-acre detention center that will hold as many as 2,400 migrants caught crossing the Southwest border illegally, becoming the largest immi-

gration detention facility in the country.

Though President Barack Obama has offered work permits and protection from deportation to millions of unauthorized immigrants, he also ordered new policies to reinforce border security, hoping to prevent a new surge of illegal crossings. Johnson pre-

sided over the opening of the center in Dilley, 85 miles northeast of Laredo, to draw more attention to the border security pieces of the president's executive actions, in response to the furor those actions caused. The center is specially designed to house migrant women and their children, from babies to teenagers,

as their deportation cases move through the courts. Standing on a barren dirt roadway lined with cabins in a fenced-in compound, Johnson delivered a blunt message to migrants without papers considering a trip to the United States. "It will now be more likely that you will be detained and sent back," he said. □


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Mother: Boy killed by police never had a chance

VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The mother of a 12-year-old Ohio boy fatally shot by

given a chance to follow officers' orders.

Samaria Rice said in an interview at The Associated Press offices in New

after the police pulled up next to him on a Cleveland playground and a rookie officer fired within 2 seconds. Tamir had an

officer charged with murder and she called on authorities to make sure young officers don't "ignore the training."

Police say officers were responding to a call Nov. 22 about someone possibly carrying a gun. They say Tamir didn't respond to commands to raise his hands before Officer Timothy Loehmann fired his weapon. They also meant to stop the patrol car farther from Tamir but the vehicle slid on the grass, the Cleveland police union has said.

Rice said she found out later that Tamir was handed the fake weapon by a girl at the playground. She said police also put Tamir's 14-year-old sister in handcuffs as she rushed to help her mortally wounded brother that day.

Rice's attorney, Benjamin Crump, said in the AP interview that the two officers could have defused the situation — by talking to the boy from a distance instead of pulling up next to him on the grass and firing.

An internal Cleveland

police investigation is underway and the results will be turned over to the local prosecutor, who will present them to a grand jury. The fatal encounter was caught on surveillance video.

Clutching Crump's hand, the teary-eyed mother said Monday she knew exactly where her son had gone before the shooting. After she made lunch for him, he went to a recreation center across the street from their home then to the playground that is steps away from his school. His 14-year-old sister was with him, their mother said, "and I told them to stick together and be safe."

The sister had gone to the bathroom when she heard a shot. Meanwhile, just after 3 p.m. that day, the mother heard a knock on her door.

"Two little boys came and knocked on my door and said, 'The police just shot your son twice in the stomach,'" she recalled Monday.

When she got to the scene, following her 16-year-old son, she saw him being held against the police car, with officers surrounding him while Tamir lay on the ground, she said. Tamir's sister was in the back of the cruiser, their mother said.

Rice said that when she tried to get close to her bleeding son, officers "pushed me back, telling me to chill out or they were going to put me in the police car."

Rice, who is black, said she long ago had "The Talk" with her children — as black parents call warnings to their children to comply with police or risk danger. □



Samaria Rice, of Cleveland, Ohio, wears a button with her son's photograph during an interview at The Associated Press, Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 in New York. A Cleveland police officer fatally shot 12-year-old Tamir Rice on Nov. 22 as he played with a toy gun outside a recreation center. Rice says her son was never given a chance to follow officers' orders, but she believes the family "will have justice." (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

police who believed he was carrying a gun said Monday he was never

York that her son, Tamir Rice, was shot before he could respond to orders

airsoft gun, which shoots nonlethal plastic pellets. Rice said she wants the

Protesters block roads to protest police killings

OAKLAND, California (AP)

— Demonstrators blocked streets around police headquarters and chained shut four doors of a California police headquarters Monday to protest recent grand jury decisions not to indict white officers who killed unarmed black men in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York.

Police made at least 13 arrests as the protesters chained themselves to the doors of the Oakland police headquarters during soggy weather and prevented people from get-

ting inside.

Oakland and neighboring Berkeley have seen numerous protests — some violent — since grand juries recently declined to indict white officers in the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and the chokehold death of Eric Garner in New York City. Both men were black and unarmed. Demonstrators in front of one entrance held a sign that read, "End the War on Black People."

"It's not OK, black lives matter," Gopal Dayeneni,

one of the protesters, told KTVU-TV.

Television news footage showed about a dozen people blocking two roads off a highway in downtown Oakland near the police building despite steady rain Monday morning. One protester climbed a flagpole.

Police estimated the number of protesters at about 100 at one point and said at least some of those blocking roads were also chained to each other.

Monday's protest in Oakland came a night after

Brown's father visited a church in nearby San Francisco to thank those who supported his family and artists claimed responsibility for hanging three cardboard images of black lynching victims at a Northern California university. A note posted at the University of California, Berkeley, said the effigies were meant to provoke thought about a systemic history of violence against blacks. Campus authorities said Monday they no longer view the life-size effigies as a hate crime. □

Justices find no violation in officer's misreading of law

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WASHINGTON - A police officer can stop a car based on a mistaken understanding of the law without violating the Fourth Amendment, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in an 8-1 decision.

The case arose from a traffic stop in North Carolina based on a broken brake light. But state law there required only a single working "stop lamp," which the car in question had.

In an opinion by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., the Supreme Court ruled that the officer's mistake was reasonable and so did not run afoul of the Fourth Amendment's ban on unreasonable searches and seizures.

The case concerned a 2009 traffic stop near Dobson, North Carolina, conducted by Sgt. Matt Darisse. The car's owner, Nicholas B. Heien, who had been asleep in the back seat while a friend drove, consented to a search. Darisse found a sandwich bag containing cocaine. Heien was charged with attempted drug trafficking, and he challenged the stop as a violation of the Fourth Amendment.

A midlevel state appeals court agreed, basing its decision on an interpretation of the state traffic law as requiring only a single working brake light. The in-



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, left, relates a story about his years as a law student while fellow Justice Elena Kagan laughs, Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss. Both justices spoke to an open audience of professionals, professors, students and area residents.

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

terpretation was not challenged as the case was further appealed. The North Carolina Supreme Court nonetheless reversed the decision, saying Darisse's mistake about what the law meant had been reasonable.

In Monday's decision, Heien v. North Carolina, No. 13-604, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed. Roberts noted that searches and seizures based on a police officer's reasonable misunderstanding of the facts have long been permissible. He said that same reasoning applied to mistaken interpretations of the law.

Roberts wrote that the court's decision "does not discourage officers from learning the law."

Supreme Court:

Ruling blocking Arizona abortion law stands

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WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Monday let stand a decision temporarily blocking an Arizona law that limits the availability of medicinal, nonsurgical abortions. As is its custom when it denies review, the court gave no reasons for its action.

The law, enacted in 2012, requires abortion providers to comply with a 2000 protocol from the Food and Drug Administration for

mifepristone, an abortion-inducing drug that is sometimes called RU-486. The Legislature said the law was meant to "protect women from the dangerous and potentially deadly off-label use of abortion-inducing drugs."

The 2000 protocol calls for the drug to be given in higher doses than is customary today, and only in the first seven weeks of pregnancy.

In the years since the protocol was issued, doctors

have found that a lower dose of the drug is effective and that it can be taken safely through the ninth week of pregnancy.

Mifepristone blocks the action of progesterone, a hormone required to maintain a pregnancy. It is used in combination with a second drug, misoprostol, which causes the uterus to contract and to expel its contents. The FDA has not approved misoprostol for abortions. Medical experts say the agency's protocol

for mifepristone is outdated, cumbersome and dangerous. The new protocol, used by most providers today, involves lower doses in fewer visits at less cost and is available through the ninth week of pregnancy. Under the protocol required by the Arizona law, many women would be forced to undergo unnecessary surgical abortions, according to Planned Parenthood, which sued to block enforcement of the law.



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Newtown victims' families sue gun manufacturer



Mark Barden, whose 7-year-old son Daniel was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in 2012, speaks at a news conference Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, in Hartford, Conn., marking the second anniversary of the shooting and calling for more legislation to curb gun violence. Watching are U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal, left, and Chris Murphy, second from left, Nicole Hockley, second from right, whose 6-year-old Dylan also died in the shooting, and Ashley Cech, right, daughter of Sandy Hook Elementary School librarian Yvonne Cech. The families of some of the 26 people killed and a teacher wounded in the shooting have filed a lawsuit against the manufacturer, distributor and seller of the rifle used in the shooting.

(AP Photo/Pat Eaton-Robb)

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Associated Press
HARTFORD, Connecticut

(AP) — The families of some of the 26 people killed and a teacher wounded two years ago at a U.S. elementary school filed a lawsuit against the manufacturer, distributor and seller of the rifle used in the shooting. The negligence and wrongful death lawsuit asserts that the Bushmaster AR-15 rifle should not have been made publicly available because it was designed for military use and is unsuited for hunting or home defense. "In order to continue profiting from the sale of AR-15s, defendants chose to disregard the unreasonable risks the rifle posed outside of specialized, highly regulated institutions like the armed forces and law enforcement," the plaintiffs wrote in the complaint, released Monday.

The gunman, Adam Lanza, shot and killed his mother, Nancy Lanza, on the morning of Dec. 14, 2012, before

driving to Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, where he fatally shot 20 children and six educators with the semi-automatic rifle. He committed suicide as police arrived.

Bill Sherlach, whose wife, Mary, was killed in the shooting, said he believes the gun industry needs to be held to "standard business practices" when it comes to assuming the risk for producing, making and selling a product.

"These companies assume no responsibility for marketing and selling a product to the general population who are not trained to use it nor even understand the power of it," he said.

The plaintiffs include Sherlach and the families of Vicki Soto, Dylan Hockley, Noah Pozner, Lauren Rousseau, Benjamin Wheeler, Jesse Lewis, Daniel Barden, Rachel D'Avino and teacher Natalie Hammond, who was injured in the shooting. The lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages.

US police altering tactics after protests

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Departments around the U.S. are changing policies and procedures to curb the use of deadly force, ease public distrust and protect officers from retaliation with tensions running high over the killings of black people. New York City plans to issue stun guns to hundreds more officers. The Milwaukee department is making crisis-intervention training mandatory. And in Akron, Ohio, police have begun working in pairs on all shifts for their own safety. Police departments are constantly updating train-

ing. But some of the more recent measures have been prompted by rising anger toward police. And in some cases, departments are making sure to let the public know about these changes.

"It's not a mistake or a coincidence that a lot of these departments are publicizing their training or are perhaps revamping their training guidelines and things like that in the wake of these really high-profile incidents," said Kami Chavis Simmons, director of the criminal justice program at the Wake Forest University School of Law in North Carolina and a former federal

prosecutor in Washington. Protests, largely peaceful, have flared across the country after grand juries in recent weeks declined to indict white officers in the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and the chokehold death of Eric Garner in New York City. Both men were black and unarmed.

Lorie Fridell, a criminology professor at the University of South Florida who operates a police training business, said she has received nearly two requests a day from chiefs since protests erupted over the August shooting in Ferguson.

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Friends say they pushed US student to call police

MATT STROUD

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia (AP) —

Three friends of an alleged victim of gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity house say they were incorrectly portrayed as being more concerned about their reputations than her well-being in a magazine article that set off an intense debate about violence on campuses and ethics in journalism.

Almost a month after the scathing Rolling Stone article was published, Kathryn Hendley, Alex Stock, and Ryan Duffin say they are still trying to set the record straight — even though the magazine has apologized for the story and noted discrepancies in it.

The friends told The Associated Press that the article was wrong on a number of key points, especially its assertion that they urged the victim not to report the alleged attack. Their alleged indifference was woven into a narrative that portrayed a culture of sexual violence on college campuses in the United States. Duffin, a 20-year-old, third-year student referred to as "Randall" in the article, told the AP that not only did he encourage the alleged victim to go to police, but he started to call police on his cellphone until she begged off saying she just wanted to go back to her dorm and sleep. "Everything that the article said about me was incorrect," Duffin said.

The AP also spoke with the two other friends portrayed in the article: third-year, 20-year-old University of Virginia students Hendley and Stock, known as "Cindy" and "Andy" in the article. None of the three friends was contacted by

Rolling Stone's reporter, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, before the article was published; each rejected multiple assertions made in the article. All three say Erdely has since reached out to them,

and that she has told them she is re-reporting the story. Hendley told the AP that Erdely apologized to her for portraying her the way she did.

Erdely and Rolling Stone

Managing Editor Will Dana did not respond to an email from the AP on Sunday morning seeking comment. The three friends say they continue to work on correcting the record about

what happened that night, and at least one, Duffin, wonders to what extent he believes the victim's own version of what happened — or whether any discrepancies in her story matter.

"People at U.Va. want answers just as much as I do," Duffin says. "But if anything, the takeaway from all this is that I still don't really care if what's presented in this article is true or not because I think it's far more important that people focus on the issue of sexual assault as a whole."

Other news media have also interviewed the friends, but this is the first time Duffin has allowed his full name to be used. A lawyer representing the victim, who has been identified only as "Jackie," has declined several requests by the AP to interview Jackie and did not immediately respond to a request for comment for this article. The AP does not typically name alleged victims of sexual assault. □



University of Virginia student Alex Stock talks during an interview with The Associated Press in Charlottesville, Va. Stock, and two other friends of an alleged victim of a gang rape at a U.Va. fraternity, challenged details in a Rolling Stone article that used the woman's attack to paint a picture of a culture of sexual violence on the campus was wrong on a number of key points: most important that they didn't encourage her to report the attack and that they were more concerned about their reputations than her well-being.

(AP Photo)

Colorado resort towns worry over pot perception

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Associated Press

BRECKENRIDGE, Colorado

(AP) — Business is booming in Colorado's mountain resorts, and the addition of recreational marijuana stores this year has attracted customers curious about legalized pot. But there's mounting anxiety that ski towns have embraced stoner culture a little too much, potentially damaging the state's tourism brand.

That worry flared up in two resort towns last week. In Breckenridge, residents voted overwhelmingly to force downtown's lone dispensary off Main Street to a less-visible location. And in Granby, town officials

used a property annex to prevent a dispensary from opening.

"It's not a morality issue, or that we think marijuana is bad," said Breckenridge councilman Gary Gallagher, who supported legal marijuana but also voted to force the Breckenridge Cannabis Club out of downtown. "Marijuana, it is not in this country's DNA yet. It's a little bit too early." So far, there's no indication that legal pot has damaged tourism, Colorado's No. 2 industry. The state notched a record \$17.3 billion in tourism spending the year after legalization, with a record 64.6 million visitors, and state tourism officials say 2014 is poised to top

last year's record.

But it's an open question whether pot has anything to do with it. Officials cite the improving economy and the weather, with healthy snow totals historically being the most significant driver for mountain visits.

The state and its marijuana industry are barred by law from advertising weed out of state, and the head of the Colorado Tourism Office says the state isn't tracking the role of marijuana in tourist behavior.

"It's all anecdotal," Al White said. "I have heard from some angry parents who said they'll never come back to Colorado because of marijuana. And I've also

heard from people who say they came to Colorado just to see the marijuana.

"At the end of the day, it may be having a modest effect, but it's not huge either way."

Still, at rates greater than their urban neighbors, mountain communities backed marijuana legalization in 2012, including Breckenridge, an early and enthusiastic support base, and there's no doubt that recreational pot has had an effect on ski towns.

A state-produced July report on the new marijuana industry concluded that 90 percent of recreational sales in mountain resort communities go to out-of-state visitors. □

Sydney hostage siege ends with captor, 2 captives dead



New South Wales premier Mike Baird left, and police Commissioner Andrew Scipione speak to the media during a press conference after a siege at Martin Place in the central business district of Sydney, Australia, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014. The commissioner said that during the siege three people had been killed including the lone gunman.

(AP Photo/Rob Griffith)

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SYDNEY - Heavily armed police officers ended a hostage siege in Sydney early Tuesday, storming a downtown cafe where an armed man who was said to be a self-proclaimed sheik had held employees and customers for more

than 16 hours.

The New South Wales Police said in a statement early Tuesday that the hostage-taker and two hostages died during the confrontation and that four other people were wounded.

Live television images of the scene showed intense flashes of gunfire and loud

concussions as police officers raced into the building with weapons drawn about 2:10 a.m. local time, followed later by medics with stretchers.

Just before the police entered the building, at least six hostages were seen running from the cafe. The police said there were 17 hos-

tages in all.

The police statement reporting the deaths identified the hostage taker as "a 50-year-old man" but did not give his name. Earlier, the police confirmed reports that the hostage-taker was Man Haron Monis, an Iranian-born man around 50 with a criminal record who called himself Sheik Haron.

The other two people who were killed were hostages, a 34-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman. One of the injured people was a police officer.

The police stormed the cafe after gunshots were heard inside, police officials said.

Monis' former lawyer, Manny Conditis, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. in a televised interview before the siege ended that he believed Monis was acting alone.

"His ideology is just so strong and so powerful that it clouds his vision for common sense and objectiveness

," Conditis said, calling his former client "a damaged-goods individual who has done something outrageous."

Even so, it remained unclear whether Monis had accomplices.

The siege had transfixed Australia since Monday morning, when the armed man took control of the Lindt Chocolate Cafe in central Sydney with employees and customers trapped inside.

He was carrying a black flag with white Arabic script similar to those used by Islamic militants on other continents, and the flag was later displayed in the window of the cafe.

Five people, including two cafe employees, had fled by 7 p.m. Monday, but it was not clear whether the assailant had allowed them to leave or they had escaped.

Helicopters hovered over the city, the train network was temporarily stopped and strategic buildings - including the nearby Sydney Opera House, the New South Wales Parliament, the state library, law courts

and the Reserve Bank - were evacuated or shut down. Traffic was stopped on part of the Sydney Harbor Bridge.

According to The Age, a national newspaper, Monis was free on bail in two separate criminal cases. He was charged in November 2013 with being an accessory before and after the fact in the murder of his ex-wife, Noleen Hayson Pal, who was stabbed and set on fire in an apartment in Werrington.

In April 2014, Monis was charged with the indecent and sexual assault of a woman in western Sydney in 2002.

The police have said that Monis presented himself as a spiritual healer and conducted business on Station Street at Wentworthville, a western suburb of Sydney.

Monis also pleaded guilty in 2013 to 12 charges related to the sending of poison-pen letters to the families of Australian servicemen who were killed overseas,

local press reports said; he was reportedly sentenced to probation and community service.

A website apparently associated with Monis includes condemnation of the United States and Australia for their military actions against Islamic militants in Iraq and Afghanistan. News reports said the site also contained a posting saying Monis had recently converted from Shia to Sunni Islam.

He apparently emigrated to Australia from Iran around 1996, and was previously known as Manteghi Boroujerdi or Mohammad Hassan Manteghi. In a broadcast interview in 2001, he claimed to have worked for the Iranian intelligence ministry and to have fled the country in fear for his life, leaving behind a wife and family.

A Muslim community leader in Sydney, Dr. Jamal Rifi, said in a televised interview that "everything he stands for is wrong."

"It has nothing to do with Islam as a religion whatsoever, and we have all seen that by his previous action and his current actions," Rifi said of Monis. □



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ROME (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry met Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as the U.S. and Israel developed their responses to a draft U.N. resolution that would set a two-year timetable for an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. Before departing for the talks in Rome, Netanyahu took a hard line and said he would not allow others to dictate conditions for negotiations that might compromise Israel's security. For the U.S., however, the issue is trickier.

The Obama administration is reluctant to do anything right now that can be perceived as interference in Israel's upcoming election in March, but it is being pressed by close allies to endorse a negotiating framework that largely adheres to U.S. policy. The resolution proposed by France still hasn't been formally introduced. The draft speaks of the 1967 Middle East borders as the basis for dividing the land, which President Barack Obama has publicly backed, but it doesn't include key Israeli — and U.S. — conditions such as Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state.

An American veto would upset Palestinians and perhaps some Arab allies frustrated by years of diplomatic gridlock. Several are fighting alongside the U.S. right now against the Islamic State group. And it could also split the U.S. from close European partners that are seeking to broaden peace efforts after countless U.S.-led mediation failures. America's credibility as a peace broker could be damaged as a result.

At a White House meeting last week, Obama's top foreign policy aides were unable to agree on an approach to France's potential resolution. One U.S. official familiar with the discussion said Kerry suggested steering away from the effort, while Susan Rice, Obama's national security adviser, supported working with allies to see if a compromise is possible.

The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the matter and demanded anonymity. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said "the account of the substance of that meeting is inaccurate." She didn't elaborate. Netanyahu made clear Monday he wasn't happy with France's proposal. "The attempts of the Palestinians and of several European countries to force conditions on Israel will only lead to a deterioration in the regional situation and will endanger Israel; therefore, we will strongly oppose this," Netanyahu said in Rome.

Kerry met the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany in Paris later Monday. The discussions continue Tuesday in London with top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat and the head of the Arab League. Beyond the activity at the U.N., Kerry is also pushing for both the Israelis and Palestinians to help end a spike in violence. Support within Europe for France's proposal is unclear. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius is making his case to EU foreign ministers in Brussels on Monday before his meeting with Kerry. French officials believe the U.S. opposes the draft right now, but they say they would consider making changes. □



US Secretary of State, John Kerry, meets with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Villa Taverna, Rome, on Monday, Dec. 15, 2014. Kerry and Netanyahu met as the U.S. and Israel developed their responses to a draft U.N. resolution that would set a two-year timetable for an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, Pool)

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France arrests 10 people in suspected jihadi network

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PARIS - The French authorities arrested 10 people on Monday in a series of raids aimed at dismantling a recruitment and transportation network for would-be jihadi fighters wanting to reach Syria, government officials said. The arrests came amid worries in Western Eu-

rope that jihadi groups in Syria and Iraq, especially the Islamic State, have grown increasingly effective at attracting foreign-born fighters. Agnès Thibault-Lecuire, a spokeswoman for the Paris prosecutor's office, declined to provide details about the arrests but said they were made on charges of "conspiracy to pre-

pare acts of terrorism."

In a statement congratulating police and intelligence services for the operation, Bernard Cazeneuve, the French interior minister, called the disrupting of jihadi networks an "absolute priority" for police and judicial authorities. He said that over 100 judicial proceedings involving nearly

500 people were currently underway. Last month, the Paris prosecutor said that more than 1,100 French citizens had been linked to fighting in Syria or Iraq, including those planning to leave, those in transit, those currently on the ground with jihadi groups, or those who had already returned to France. "There has been

a considerable increase of the number of those who leave, 82 percent since the beginning of 2014," Cazeneuve said. Thibault-Lecuire said the raids on Monday were conducted in several regions across France but were focused on a network based around the southwestern city of Toulouse. □

Death toll from Indonesian mudslide rises to 56

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Associated Press

BANJARNEGARA, Indonesia (AP) — The death toll from a mudslide that flattened much of a village in central Indonesia rose to 56 on Monday before rain forced rescuers to halt their search for dozens of missing people, officials said.

Seventeen bodies, including those of four children, were recovered Monday, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the spokesman for Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency. Fifty-two people were still missing, three days after Friday's disaster. More than 3,000 rescuers, including soldiers, police and volunteers, were mobilized to dig through the mud and wreckage after the landslide buried more than 100 houses in Jemblung village in Cen-



Rescuers search for the victims of a landslide that swept away a village in Jemblung, Central Java, Indonesia. Rescuers pulled bodies from the debris after heavy rain in central Indonesia loosened soil and collapsed a hill, setting off the landslide that left dozens of people dead or missing.
(AP Photo/A.K. Hendratmo)

tral Java province's Banjarnegara district. Many people in the remote farming village heard

a deep rumbling sound just after dusk Friday and managed to flee to safer ground, while others were

either at home or in the local mosque when mud, rocks and trees tumbled onto their village.

The search for the missing was halted Monday as rain prompted fears of another mudslide. Local army chief Lt. Col. Edy Rahmatullah said it would resume Tuesday.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo, who visited the area Sunday, pledged to relocate hundreds of people left homeless by the disaster and promised government aid for the injured. Eleven villagers were hospitalized.

Seasonal rains and high tides cause frequent floods in Indonesia. Many of the country's 250 million people live in mountainous areas or fertile, flood-prone plains near rivers.

According to the national Disaster Mitigation Agency, about 41 million Indonesians live in regions prone to landslides. □

UN: Hardships grow for millions in eastern Ukraine

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GENEVA - Fighting between government forces and pro-Russian armed groups is claiming an average of 13 lives a day, and after nine months of conflict, the approach of winter has created life-threatening conditions for many civilians in eastern Ukraine, the United Nations reported on Monday. The fighting has killed 1,357

people since a Sept. 5 peace accord reached by all parties to the conflict, the U.N. human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine reported, bringing the total number of fatalities to at least 4,707 and the number of injured to 10,322. More than 100 incidents of indiscriminate shelling of built-up areas were reported in November alone, according to the U.N., citing as an example the

shelling of a soccer field in the rebel stronghold of Donetsk, killing two people, including a child, and the shelling nearby of the city of Horlivka, which killed five civilians, including two children. Amid mounting tensions over Ukraine, Western countries are contemplating tougher economic sanctions against Moscow. The U.N. human rights office here in Geneva spoke

of the "very close link" between the inflow of fighters and of sophisticated weaponry, "including from the Russian Federation," and a total breakdown of law and order in eastern Ukraine. The situation around the self-proclaimed People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk under the control of pro-Russian armed groups was signified by "killings, abductions, tor-

ture, ill treatment, sexual violence, rape, forced labor, ransom, extortion," said Gianni Magazzeni, head of the division of the U.N. human rights office that deals with Europe and Central Asia. Groups controlling these areas have taken some steps to create parallel structures of government, but they offer no protection to local inhabitants, Magazzeni said. □



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Islamic fighters capture 2 army bases in Syria

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Al-Qaida-linked and other Islamic fighters captured two key Syrian army bases on Monday in the northwestern province of Idlib after two days of intense battles with government troops that killed dozens on both sides, activists said.

The fall of the two bases — Wadi Deif and Hamidiyeh, both located near the town of Maaret al-Numan — is a significant blow to the Syrian army, which had managed to hold on to them for more than two years, repelling repeated attacks by an array of opposition groups.

The battles for “these two bases were exhausting the rebel factions,” said Husam Abu Bakr, a spokesman for the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group, one of the strongest rebel factions in northern Syria. He said his group captured Hamidiyeh base.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and an Idlib-based activist who goes by the name of Mohammed al-Sayid said members of the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front and other rebel factions captured the Wadi Deif base Monday morning and the nearby Hamidiyeh base in the early afternoon. Abu Bakr told The Associated Press via Skype that government forces first withdrew from Wadi Deif to Hamidiyeh and then from Hamidiyeh to the nearby village of Bsida.

Then, the rebels captured Bsida, forcing government forces to gather in the village of Maar Hattat, which is now being besieged, said Abu Bakr.

EU: Greek defiance on debt would be ‘suicidal’

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A refusal by Greece to repay bailout debts would be “suicidal” for the country, the European Union’s top finance official said Monday in a clear warning to the country’s popular opposition.

EU Finance Commissioner Pierre Moscovici made the remarks after a three-hour meeting with conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras.

“The idea of contemplating the possibility not to reimburse a huge debt is suicidal — it’s not possible, you’ll be in default and that’s what we’ve been trying to avoid for years,” Moscovici said.

Moscovici’s two-day visit went ahead despite stalled negotiations between Greece and bailout creditors, and took place ahead of a parliamentary vote that could topple Greece’s pro-bailout government this month.

“There is a need for structural reforms. It’s not only for Greece, it’s for all the countries in the eurozone ... It would be a pity for



EU Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs Pierre Moscovici, right, arrives for talks with Greece’s conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, left, at his official residence in central Athens on Monday, Dec. 15, 2014.

(Greece) not to go on.” Greek lawmakers will start voting Wednesday for a new Greek president, in a ballot likely to last three rounds through Dec. 29. Samaras could be forced to call an early general election if he fails to attract enough support from the opposition for a government-backed candidate. The anti-bailout Syriza party

is pressing for a snap election, arguing that austerity policies have failed. After a brutal six-year recession, it says Greece still has an unsustainable debt burden which cannot be repaid to rescue lenders in full. Syriza retains a lead in the latest opinion poll published Monday by private Real FM radio. It projected a general election victory for the

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

left-wing party by a 5.1 percentage-point margin over the conservative New Democracy. However, victory on such a scale would not give Syriza enough seats to govern without a coalition. The political uncertainty has rattled Greek markets over the past week or so as investors have fretted over the country’s place in the 18-country eurozone.

Merkel to Germans: don’t be duped by far-right

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel warned Germans on Monday not to be duped by far-right rhetoric, amid concern about the growing number of people flocking to anti-Islam demonstrations in the country.

A group calling itself Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA, has staged weekly rallies in the eastern city of Dresden that have attracted growing numbers

of supporters. Some 10,000 protested last week, and police said about the same number were on hand again Monday night, according to a preliminary count.

Some 9,000 anti-PEGIDA activists protested last week’s march, and another 5,650 turned out at two counter-demonstrations in Dresden on Monday, police said.

No significant incidents were reported.

Although PEGIDA’S organizers insist that they are

protesting only against extremism and not against immigrants or Islam itself, the demonstrations have received open support from neo-Nazi groups and far-right parties, prompting concerns that anti-foreigner sentiment might be on the rise again in Germany. “There’s freedom of assembly in Germany, but there’s no place for incitement and lies about people who come to us from other countries,” Merkel told reporters in Berlin.

“Everyone (who attends)

needs to be careful that they’re not taken advantage of by the people who organize such events.”

Opposition parties have accused Merkel’s conservative Union bloc of being too timid in its criticism of the protests up to now, suggesting that she fears losing voters to the far right.

Immigration has emerged as a contentious topic again in Germany, partly due to the recent sharp rise in asylum applications, particularly from Syrians.



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Jailed Venezuela opposition leader rattles cage

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela
(AP) — Locked up and denounced by Venezuela's government as a terrorist, Leopoldo Lopez may be out of sight, but he is not out of mind.

Building-sized posters of the charismatic opposition leader shouting, with his fist pumped into the air, dot wealthy Caracas neighborhoods. The same image can be found stenciled on the walls in the pro-government slums, but below the word "Murderer."

President Nicolas Maduro raises the specter of his foe nearly every night, using his televised addresses to denounce the 43-year-old Harvard graduate who, despite having been jailed since February, has become Venezuela's most popular politician as well as a human-rights icon drawing international pressure on the government.

Accused of inciting violent protests in early 2014, and the threat of a 13-year prison term hanging over him, Lopez is again exhibiting the defiance he used to call opponents of the South American country's socialist government into the streets, but now in a windowless courtroom secured behind four military checkpoints. During his most recent appearance in the ongoing trial, the square-jawed Lopez delivered a rollicking, hour-long speech fit for a political rally. "I have to tell you, when we get out, we will be even more determined," he told Judge Susana Barreiros.

The proceedings have been almost completely closed to the public. In November, The Associated Press had a rare opportunity to witness the trial as a guest of Lopez's family. Cameras were barred, as was any note-taking. The tall, former triathlete was surprisingly gaunt and a thick beard covered his familiar clean-shaven face. But his powerful voice still filled the fluorescent-lit room, where his wife grew teary-eyed among some two dozen observers in wooden pews. Lopez denounced the young judge as lacking courage and compared

him to a hired assassin. He waved copies of the constitution drafted by the late President Hugo Chavez, and held up a book of the writings of Venezuela's beloved revolutionary leader Simon Bolivar, a distant great uncle of Lopez.

His blue blood political heritage and old-money roots make him a natural champion of the Venezuelan elite. Ivy League-educated and accompanied by his equally photogenic

wife, a former TV hostess and champion kite-surfer, Lopez comes off as a Venezuelan version of a Kennedy — albeit a stridently conservative one.

Of the two factions opposing Venezuela's unsteady administration, Lopez represents the more radical extreme. While others such as opposition heavyweight Henrique Capriles were advocating gradual electoral change, Lopez called

with students and the United States to overthrow the government. The unrest fizzled after Lopez was jailed, and chronic infighting between his faction and more moderate leaders has prevented the opposition from taking advantage of growing discontent with the administration over Venezuela's economic free fall.

With ample time for reflection, Lopez doesn't appear to have become any more

his favorability approaching 50 percent, while Maduro's has slid below 30 percent, according to surveys released in recent months by a leading national pollster, Datanalysis. Previously unknown beyond Venezuela, human rights groups now consider Lopez Latin America's most prominent political prisoner. U.S. President Barack Obama and the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights have called for his release. Foreign Policy magazine named him one of the 100 most important global thinkers this year, and the Harvard Kennedy School awarded him its alumni achievement award in absentia.

When Lopez will leave his cell remains a question. The defense considers the federal trial to be a circus, with Maduro bent on keeping Lopez behind bars. Judge Barreiros has denied all but one of the defense's 63 proposed witnesses, while allowing the prosecution to call more than 100.

So why put on such a strenuous show for a judge whose hands may be tied? "This is our only opening, limited as it is," Lopez told the AP. Defense attorney Juan Carlos Gutierrez said they hope the trial will keep international attention on Lopez and bring pressure on the administration. "We know Lopez's liberty depends on Maduro, and not a judge," he said.

The chief prosecutor's office did not respond to requests for comment. The court has met only a handful of times in six months, often convening as night falls. Before each hearing, soldiers with riot shields and submachine guns close the streets around the courthouse.

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Opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez is flanked by Bolivarian National Guards after Lopez surrendered in Caracas, Venezuela. Locked up and denounced by Venezuela's government as a terrorist, Lopez may be out of sight, but he is not out of mind. President Nicolas Maduro raises the specter of his foe nearly every night, using his televised addresses to denounce the 43-year-old Harvard graduate who, despite having been jailed since February, has become Venezuela's most popular politician as well as a human-rights icon drawing international pressure on the government.
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hundreds of thousands of supporters into the streets to demand that Maduro resign only months into his six-year term.

Violence stemming from the protests left more than 40 people dead, including both Maduro supporters and opponents.

The government's view is that Lopez pretended to rally ordinary people fed up with crime, inflation and widespread shortages but was actually conniving

eager for compromise. Unity isn't a goal in and of itself, he told AP in an interview outside the courtroom doors.

And his political martyrdom has had an upside. Lopez's personal brand is booming. For years, the former mayor of Chacao, a wealthy Caracas suburb, was seen as arrogant and overly-ambitious, if effective. He now consistently polls among the most popular politicians in the country, with



Hearing Healthcare Practitioner Cory Soal volunteers while on his family vacation

PALM BEACH - As a guest of the Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino, Cory Soal enjoyed soaking up the sun, as well as the sights and sounds around the resort tropical pool. He was especially fascinated by Rendolf "Renny" Richardson, the Beach and Pool Attendant, who seemed to be having a great time caring for sun-seekers, delivering fresh towels and lounge chairs and in general making sure every guest was equally pampered from sunrise to sunset. As a Hearing Healthcare Practitioner it became immediately clear to Soal that Renny has never heard his own voice, being hearing impaired and that he could use a state-of-the-art hearing aid to facilitate his communications with the world. When talking to the General Manager at the time, Soal brought up the subject of hearing aids and the GM immediately pledged a complimentary vacation stay against hearing aid expertise.

Soal returned to the island the following year delivering not just one but twenty-six hearing aids. Renny was his first client, and he was fitted

with the latest hearing aid model, at no charge. Angelique Croes from the Human Resources Department got in touch with neighboring resorts and before long thirteen hearing-impaired individuals received Soal's expert care; some were introduced to the world and the way it sounds for the very first time! Soal reports the manufacturers he supports via his business in Georgetown were happy to donate the apparatuses, and while on vacation here with wife Jennifer, and kids Iyla and Mila, Soal is able to make time for his passion, making a difference, one hearing aid at a time. Pictured here Cory Soal, and his family on this year's island vacation, as usual he will be working on adjusting hearing aids, and fitting new ones from his resort room. Special molded ear pieces are customized upon Soal's return to the USA the sent back to the island to make the hearing aids even more comfortable for their wearers. And Renny is now the technician, as-needed, making the installations, having been taught how to, by Soal. □

Isabella Kainama-Rugebregt joins Red Sail Sports as new Sales & Marketing Manager

PALM BEACH - Red Sail Sports, operating exciting watersports and a collection of retail stores on the island for the past twenty-five years, invited Isabella Kainama-Rugebregt to come on board and head the company's ever-busy Sales & Marketing department.

Isabella has over the past years amassed a great deal of experience in the food & beverage, banquet, catering and special event field which she is now planning to put to good use in her new position.

Isabella came to Red Sail Sports from EPIC Aruba Destination Management Company, where she served as Operations Manager, assisting top decision makers in the MICE market with site inspections and final decisions regarding transportation, activities, dine-around programs and decor for their customized events. She also spent considerable time in Sales & Marketing, as a manager at the successful Casa Tua Restaurants, booking groups and training staff members, always demonstrating her passion for service excellence and customer satisfaction.

With valuable catering experience obtained working for Le Dome Restaurant & Delifrance, Isabella is also well-versed in the orchestration of 'off and on property' events, sensitive to clients' needs and special requests.

Having spent over one year travelling the globe, visiting among others Asia, Oceania and Africa, Isabella prides herself on understanding travel first-hand, which prepared her to assume the reins at the Sales and Marketing Department at Red Sail Sports and applying herself to the



job at hand.

Together with her colleague Suzanne Van Grinsven, Marketing & Events Manager, the Isabella & Suzanne tag team will be booking trips on board the luxurious Red Sail Sports catamarans with groups from two to two-hundred and seventy. They will be filling the Dive Boats, and promoting a bonanza of on-surf activities such as kayaking, windsurfing, deep sea fishing, submarine tours, and assorted fun beach activities with tubing, banana boats, Jetskis, stand-up paddles, and the thrilling JETLEV and Hoverboard, among them.

On-turf, the new sales and marketing team will book the company's popular Jeep safari, hiking tours in the National Park, Island bus tours, ATV tours, golf, mountain biking, horseback riding, shopping tours, beach tennis, chil-

dren's animal encounters and the Kukoo Kunuku party bus.

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Red Sail Sports, the first tour & activity operator in the Caribbean to receive the Silver Award from Earth Check for its Green efforts is proud to have Isabella on the team, with her unique perspective on tourism, and her diverse personal tool box. "I am excited to be here," she says, "I love Aruba and the incredible variety of activities Red Sail Sports has to offer. With the priceless guidance of Managing Director Peter de Hoop, and my colleague Suzanne Van Grinsven, we are looking forward to an excellent high-season." □



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cember 16th at 6.30pm. At each event, which is listed on our website www.JewishAruba.com/Chanukah2014, Chabad will serve latkes and donuts. All are welcome. Throughout the Caribbean and globally, Chabad will be presenting scores of Chanukah events and celebrations, including public menorah lightings, giant menorahs made out of ice and Legos, Menorah Parades, Latkes parties, Giant Dreidel Houses, "Chanukah Wonderlands" and more. ABOUT CHANUKAH:

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Minnesota Vikings' Adrian Peterson, right, arrives for a hearing for the appeal of his suspension in New York, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014.

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Union takes NFL to court over Peterson

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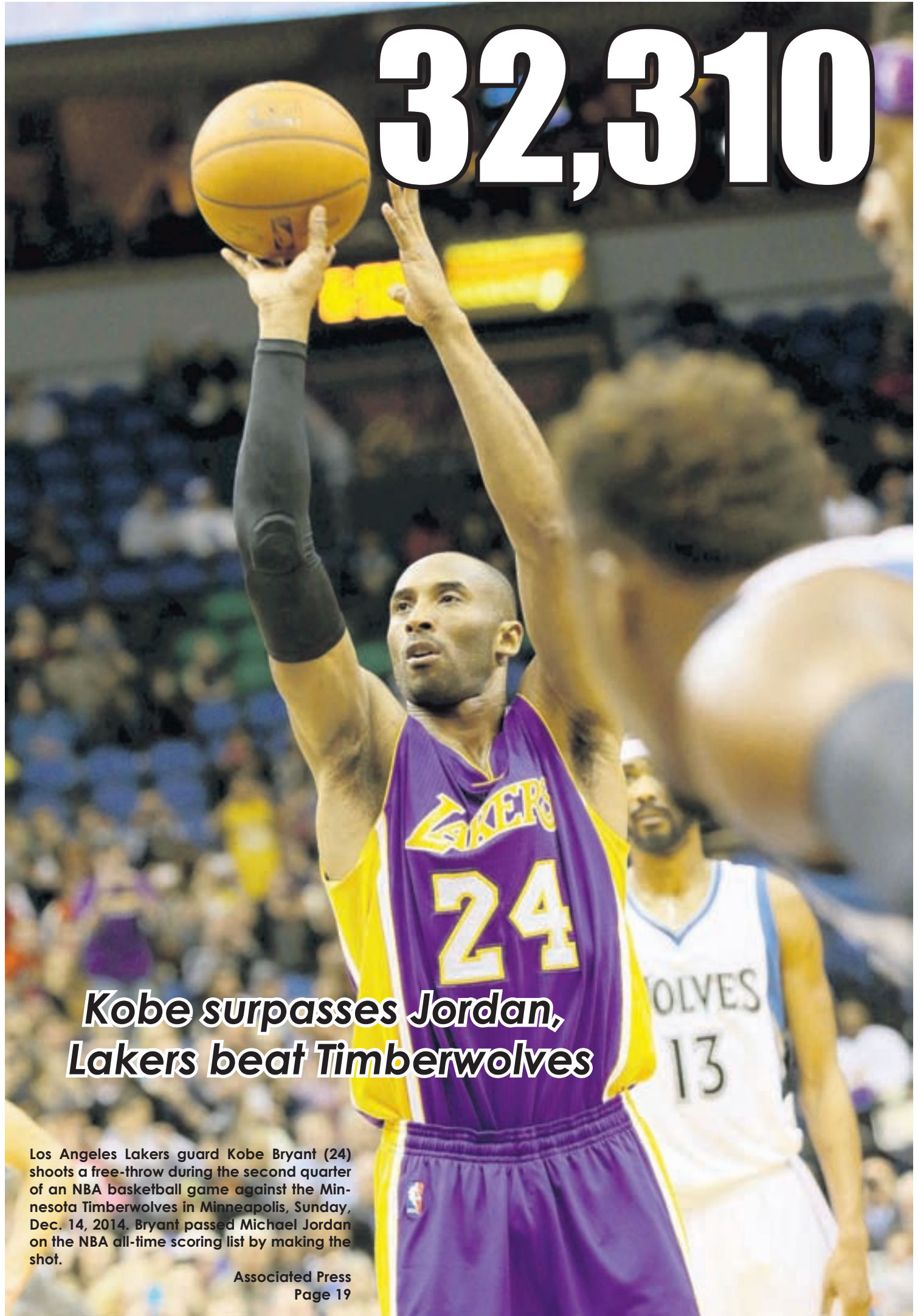
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- The NFL Players Association filed a federal lawsuit Monday for Adrian Peterson, asking the court to dismiss an arbitration ruling that upheld the NFL's suspension of the star running back.

The petition also requested a court order for Peterson's immediate reinstatement, arguing that Peterson has served far more than what's allowed by the collective bargaining agreement between the league and the players. Attorneys for the NFLPA asked to expedite the case in Minnesota, where the union has often gone to contest labor matters with the NFL.

Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Peterson without pay for the last six games of this season and through at least April 15, the result of the child-abuse case that has kept the 2012 NFL MVP out of all but one game this year. Harold Henderson, the arbitrator appointed to hear Peterson's appeal, affirmed the entirety of Goodell's decision Friday.

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Kobe surpasses Jordan, Lakers beat Timberwolves

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) shoots a free-throw during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in Minneapolis, Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014. Bryant passed Michael Jordan on the NBA all-time scoring list by making the shot.

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Lester hopes to end Cubs' century-plus drought

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
 AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) -- Jon Lester says he believes in the Chicago Cubs' plan and is ready to try to help bring them their first championship since 1908.

Lester says "we fully buy in." A three-time All-Star who won two World Series with Boston, he was introduced at a news conference on Monday and presented Kerry Wood's old No. 34.

Lester agreed to a \$155 million, six-year contract with the Cubs at the winter meetings last week that set baseball records for largest signing bonus and biggest upfront payment.

Chicago President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein says this "really marks the start of a transition for the Cubs."

Lester gets a record \$30 million signing bonus, of which \$15 million is due by April 1,



Pitcher Jon Lester puts on a Chicago Cubs jersey and hat after being introduced as a member of the Chicago Cubs baseball team during a news conference in Chicago, Monday, Dec. 15, 2014.

Associated Press

\$2.5 million each by Dec. 31 in 2018 and 2019, and a final \$10 million installment by Sept. 15, 2020.

He gets salaries of \$15 million next year, \$20 million each in 2016 and 2017, \$22.5 apiece in 2018 and

2019 and \$15 million in 2020. There is a \$25 million mutual option for 2021 with a \$10 million buyout, and the option would become guaranteed if Lester pitches 200 or more innings in 2020 or 400 or more in 2020-

21 combined.

Lester gets a hotel suite on the road, a provision that he can't be traded without his consent and the right to 25 hours of private-plane use for him and his family annually.

A total of 1,686 players have appeared for the Cubs since Orval Overall retired Detroit's Boss Schmidt for the final out of the 1908 World Series, according to STATS, and all have failed to bring another title to the North Side.

Lester hopes he and a promising core of young players can end the slide along with manager Joe Maddon, who left Tampa Bay for a \$25 million, five-year contract with the Cubs. Lester, who turns 31 next month, was dealt by the Red Sox to Oakland at the trade deadline in July and helped the A's reach the playoffs for the third

straight year before a 9-8, 12-inning loss to Kansas City in the AL wild-card game. He went 16-11 with a career-best 2.46 ERA and 220 strikeouts last season and is 116-67 with a 3.58 ERA in nine big league seasons.

He also had been sought by the Red Sox, World Series champion San Francisco and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lester is headed to a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 2008, but he knows Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer from their time together in Boston.

Besides landing Lester, the Cubs agreed to a \$20 million, two-year contract with pitcher Jason Hammel last week after trading him to Oakland in July. They also acquired two-time All-Star catcher Miguel Montero from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Former big leaguer becomes a U.S. ambassador



BEN WALKER
 AP Baseball Writer

A former outfielder for the Chicago White Sox is all lined up for the diplomatic field.

Mark Gilbert, who played seven games in July 1985, has become the first major leaguer to be confirmed as a U.S. ambassador. The Senate approved his nomination to New Zealand and Samoa by voice vote on Friday.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said the agency could not

find any other record of a former major league player having served as an ambassador.

Gilbert hit .273, scored three runs and drove in three, and started alongside future Hall of Famers Tom Seaver and Carlton Fisk with the White Sox.

His manager in the majors was Tony La Russa, also a Hall of Fame member.

The 58-year-old Gilbert was nominated by President Barack Obama in October 2013. At the time, La Russa was told that ambassadors are mostly addressed as "His Excellency" or "Your Excellency."

"I think if Mark walks into a clubhouse with his old teammates, I don't think they're going to call him

"Your Excellency," La Russa said then, laughing.

Cal Ripken Jr. and Barry Larkin are some of the ex-big league players who have served the U.S. State Department in various capacities, including goodwill ambassadors and sports envoys.

Former Texas Rangers President Tom Schieffer was the U.S. ambassador to Japan and Australia.

Gilbert has worked as a banking executive and was on the Obama for America national finance team.

Rugby, cricket and America's Cup sailing are prominent sports in New Zealand. The Kiwis have played in the qualifying tournament at the World Baseball Classic.

This undated photo provided by the Chicago White Sox shows outfielder Mark Gilbert at Comiskey Park in Chicago.

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Bryant passes Jordan for 3rd on scoring list

JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Basketball Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant passed Michael Jordan for third on the NBA's career scoring list Sunday in a 100-94 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves. Bryant entered the game needing nine points to pass the icon with whom he is often compared. He got the mark with two free throws with 5:24 to play in the second quarter.

"I'm just honored to be here, man, to still be playing," Bryant said. "I appreciate being able to play this long. Careers normally don't last this long. I really appreciate the opportunity to still be out there playing and performing and doing what I do."

Now only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone have scored more points than Bryant.

"I congratulate Kobe on reaching this milestone," Jordan, the owner of the Charlotte Hornets, said in a statement released to The Associated Press. "He's obviously a great player, with a strong work ethic and has an equally strong passion for the game of basketball. I've enjoyed watching his game evolve over the years, and I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next."

Bryant didn't break a record Sunday night. Abdul-Jabbar is still more than 6,000 points ahead of him and in no danger of being caught. But moving past Jordan was cause for celebration.

The two players have been linked for years and Bryant often mimicked Jordan from his earliest days in the league, from the way he

pumped his fist after big shots to adopting the fade-away jumper as his career has progressed and even sprinkling in a little tongue-wagging on his drives to the bucket as a youth.

"He knows how much I've learned from him," Bryant said. "From the other legends, but him in particular." The Timberwolves stopped the game, and a Lakers-heavy crowd gave Bryant a standing ovation as Wolves owner Glen Taylor — the NBA's chairman of the board — presented him with the game ball.

With a big smile on his face, Bryant received hugs from teammates and the Timberwolves, and waved to the crowd during the brief stoppage.

Bryant has been chasing Jordan for almost two decades now. He's still one title short of the six Jordan won with the Bulls, but has now caught Jordan in the game's defining individual statistic.

Bryant had 32,284 points when he took the floor against a Timberwolves team that includes 19-year-old rookies Andrew Wiggins and Zach LaVine, two players who were barely born when Bryant made his NBA debut in 1996.

He missed four of his first five field goals, but knocked down a 3-pointer midway through the second quarter to pull within two points. He nearly passed Jordan with one of his patented fall-away jumpers from the baseline, but it rimmed out and with 5:24 to play and 24 seconds on the shot clock, No. 24 stepped to the line and calmly swished two freebies to do it. He finished the night with 26 points and 32,310 for his



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, left, drives against Minnesota Timberwolves guard Zach LaVine, right, during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game in Minneapolis, Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014. Associated Press

career.

It took Bryant 1,269 games to reach the NBA's career scoring podium. Jordan amassed his 32,292 points in 1,039 regular-season games.

Jordan moved into third place in 2003, and the top of the NBA's scoring mountain had remained unchanged for nearly 12 years. Ever since Bryant really started to hit his stride as an elite scorer beginning with his fourth year in the league, he was widely considered the one to the record books would have

to reserve a spot for.

"Just like we've never seen another player like Michael Jordan, we will never see another player like Kobe Bryant!" Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson tweeted. Jordan retired and came back twice, giving up prime years that cost him a shot at Abdul-Jabbar's record. Jordan also played three years of college while Bryant jumped straight to the pros and started racking up the points, albeit at a gradual rate.

In other NBA games it was Golden State 128, New Or-

leans 122, OT; Washington 93, Utah 84; Chicago 93, Miami 75; Oklahoma City 112, Phoenix 88; L.A. Lakers 100, Minnesota 94; Toronto 95, New York 90, OT; and San Antonio 99, Denver 91.



Maple Leafs beat Kings 4-3 in shootout

The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — James Reimer helped the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 4-3 shootout win over Los Angeles on Sunday, shutting out the Kings in the tiebreaker.

Joffrey Lupul scored the lone goal for Toronto in the shootout. Tyler Bozak was denied by Jonathan Quick, and Mike Santorelli missed.

Reimer turned away Marian Gaborik and Dustin Brown before Anze Kopitar missed for Los Angeles.

The Kings rallied from a 2-0 deficit and led 3-2 in the third before the Leafs forced the overtime.

Toronto has won five straight.

Santorelli, Cody Franson and James van Riemsdyk scored for Toronto before a crowd of 19,219 on a rare 5 p.m. local time Sunday start.

Justin Williams, Dwight King and Gaborik scored for the defending Stanley Cup



Toronto Maple Leafs goalie James Reimer celebrates after defeating the Los Angeles Kings during a shoot out in NHL hockey action in Toronto on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014.

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champion Kings. Quick finished with 28 saves.

BLACKHAWKS 2, FLAMES 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Bran-

don Saad scored with 7:03 left in the third period, as the Blackhawks beat the

Flames for their 12th victory

in the last 14 games.

After motoring past Calgary defenseman Mark Giordano, Saad took a

centering pass from Jonathan Toews and lifted a shot past Jonas Hiller's glove.

Toews also set up Patrick Sharp's power-play goal as the surging Blackhawks dealt the Flames their fifth straight loss. Chicago had won eight in a row before Saturday night's 3-2 loss at the New York Islanders.

Jiri Hudler had his team-leading 12th goal for Calgary, which has scored just eight times during its slide.

Chicago's Antti Raanta made 23 saves while subbing for Corey Crawford, who is out with a foot injury. Hiller finished with 26 stops.

RANGERS 2, OILERS 0=

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist made 16 saves as New York beat Edmonton.

Dan Girardi and Carl Hagelin scored for New York (14-10-4), which has won three straight and five of seven.

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Column: Mayweather must fight Pacquiao next

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. built a career — and made a fortune — by using deception to confuse and outwit his opponents.

Playing the same game outside the ring has also paid off for Money May. Mayweather has, for the most part, been able to fight who he wants, where he wants and when he wants. He sells enough pay-per-views that he has been able to avoid a fight with Manny Pacquiao that should have taken place five years ago.

But the game has gotten old, even if Mayweather's many yes men haven't had the courage to let him know. His latest attempt to twist the story line about a possible fight next year with Pacquiao was so dated and absurd that even the sycophants in his sizeable entourage had to be rolling their eyes.

The wizard of defense has finally been boxed into a corner.

The charade is over, whether Mayweather realizes it or not.

He must fight Pacquiao next, if his career is to have any legitimacy. And he must do it on terms that reflect he won't be the



Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. talks on the phone while watching an NBA basketball game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Sacramento Kings, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, in Los Angeles.

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only superstar in the ring. Mayweather didn't seem to grasp that the other day when he broke his silence and tried to make it seem as if he were challenging Pacquiao to a fight, not the other way around. In an "interview" with the Showtime network that employs him, Mayweather not only declared he wanted Pacquiao, but set a May 2 date for the fight.

Lest long suffering boxing fans get too excited, though, the conditions quickly followed. Mayweather not only wants to pick the date but to set the purse to his liking and have

Showtime be the broadcaster. He regurgitated old arguments about blood testing that didn't make sense five years ago when he first started spouting them and make absolutely no sense now.

Luckily, the interview ring-side in San Antonio didn't last long. If it had, Mayweather might have demanded Pacquiao be allowed to train only one week for the fight, have his blood taken in the locker room just before he goes into the ring and not be able to use his right hand for the first eight rounds. That may be laughable.

But so, too, is this:

"Manny Pacquiao, (promoter) Bob Arum, you guys have been ducking us for years," Mayweather said. "We're tired of you guys fooling the public, fooling the critics. Before we tried to make the fight happen and you guys didn't want to take random blood and urine testing. So that's why the fight didn't happen. Then I offered you \$40 million and you didn't want to make the fight happen. Then you lost twice and now you're coming back begging for the same money. That's not going to happen."

Maybe Mayweather doesn't read the papers. If he had, he would know Pacquiao had no problem with unannounced blood tests for his fight with Chris Algieri last month. He would know that Pacquiao and Arum would almost surely accept a smaller purse as long as the money split wasn't lopsided.

He would know that the free ride is over for the most part and Showtime won't keep paying him \$20 million to \$30 million to fight the Marcos Maidanas of the world.

The fact of the matter is pay-per-view buys are slowing for both Pacquiao and Mayweather. Pacquiao's fight last month with Algieri in Macau wasn't a big seller, and both of Mayweather's fights last year with Maidana underperformed. Both HBO and Showtime are charging premium rates, but not showing premium fights.

Put Mayweather and Pacquiao in the ring together and that would change. Though both fighters have slowed some in recent years, the matchup is still one fans desperately want and are willing to pay for. It would be the richest fight in history, and it wouldn't be close. □

Peterson

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The union argued that Henderson's decision was biased and overreaching, contrary to "fundamental principles of notice, fairness and consistency" and the essence of the CBA.

Henderson, the former NFL executive vice president for labor relations, has heard 88 appeals, according to the league.

In the petition, the NFLPA said Henderson "ran roughshod over the required procedural protections of the CBA" and "summarily rubber-stamped the unlawful process and punishment of Mr. Peterson" with his ruling.

In his written decision last

week, Henderson backed Goodell's assertion in determining punishment that Peterson lacked remorse for badly injuring his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch in an attempt to apply discipline.

Peterson has said he's sorry and meant no harm.

"The fact that Arbitrator Henderson dismissed what Mr. Peterson actually said in favor of unverified and out-of-context news reports speaks volumes about his evident partiality," the NFLPA wrote in the petition.

The union accused Goodell of punishing Peterson to satiate "public calls for his resignation due to prior disciplinary failures" and said he picked Henderson to hear the appeal to "to avoid another embarrassing re-

versal" of his decision.

Goodell initially suspended Baltimore's Ray Rice for two games and then declared him out indefinitely Sept. 8 after video surfaced of the running back delivering a knockout punch to the woman who's now his wife. Between those decisions was Goodell's announcement Aug. 28 of tougher penalties for players involved with domestic violence, including a six-game suspension for a first-time offender.

The injuries to Peterson's son occurred in May.

The union said Peterson should not have been subjected to the enhanced personal conduct policy. The arbitrator in Rice's case overruled Goodell and reinstated him, though he had no team to return to

because the Ravens had released him Sept. 8. In the petition for Peterson, attorneys pointed to that arbitrator's ruling that Goodell lacked the CBA authority to apply the enhanced policy to punish prior conduct. The NFL declined to comment.

The case was originally assigned to U.S. District Judge David Doty but referred instead to U.S. Magistrate Judge Janie Mayeron. The NFLPA again hammered away at NFL executive Troy Vincent, devoting about 10 of the 74 pages in the petition to recorded conversations between Vincent and Peterson informing the player he'd face only a two-game suspension under the previous policy and could rejoin the Vikings in late November.

"Mr. Vincent expressed to Mr. Peterson that the NFL believed he had already 'paid the price' for his conduct and that, accordingly, his time on the Commissioner's Exempt List prior to November 4 would be factored into any discipline the NFL would impose," the union's lawyers wrote.

The transcripts of the phone calls, used in Peterson's appeal, were provided to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the case. The person provided the transcripts on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to release them.

The talks took place after Peterson reached his plea agreement in Texas on Nov. 4 and before Goodell announced the suspension Nov. 18. □

AP source: Kings fire coach Michael Malone

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

The Sacramento Kings fired coach Michael Malone late Sunday night just 24 games into his second season with the team.

A person with knowledge of the move confirmed the firing Sunday night on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced it yet. The firing was first reported by Yahoo Sports. A formal announcement was expected Monday.

Malone went 39-67 after being hired in June 2013 by new owner Vivek Ranadive. Malone was hired before general manager Pete D'Alessandro in what was considered an unusual order of events. Now D'Alessandro will



Official John Goble talks with Sacramento Kings head coach Michael Malone, right, about a foul call during a break in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Sacramento, Calif., Monday, Dec. 8, 2014. The Kings won 101-92.

Associated Press

get the opportunity to hire his own coach. Lead assistant Tyrone Corbin will take over as interim coach, the person with knowledge of

the moves said. Corbin went 112-146 in three-plus seasons as coach of the Utah Jazz and was not offered a contract after last season. The Kings went 28-54 in Malone's first season and missed the playoffs for an eighth

straight year. This season got off to a better start with the team winning nine of its first 14 games.

But the Kings lost their next game and have fallen into a tailspin after star center DeMarcus Cousins was sidelined viral meningitis. Sacramento has lost seven of nine games without Cousins and is tied for 10th in the Western Conference with an 11-13 record. The firing is the first major setback in Ranadive's tenure. He was welcomed as a savior when he bought the team from the Maloof family in 2013 and prevented the team from moving to Seattle.

The Kings have already broken ground on a \$477 million arena that is expected to open downtown for the 2016-17 season. But he has been unable so far to reverse the losing trend that followed a stretch of eight straight playoff berths. □

NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray has broken hand



Dallas Cowboys' DeMarco Murray (29) tries to break free from a tackle by Philadelphia Eagles' Malcolm Jenkins (27) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, in Philadelphia.

SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray has a broken hand that requires surgery and may miss Sunday's game against Indianapolis as the Dallas Cowboys make a run at a playoff berth.

Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones said on his radio show that Murray was having surgery

Monday. He also said it is "probably a tough expectation" that Murray would play against the Colts. Murray has 1,687 yards rushing and needs 87 yards to break all-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith's franchise record of 1,773 yards. Murray set an NFL record by starting the season with eight straight 100-yard games but the Cowboys may need to look else-

where this weekend. The Cowboys (10-4) might need to win both remaining games to ensure the end of a four-year playoff drought. They finish the regular season at Washington. Lance Dunbar and Joseph Randle split carries as Murray's backup in Sunday's 38-27 win over Philadelphia that gave Dallas the NFC East lead. In addition to Dunbar and Randle, the Cowboys have had Ryan Williams on their practice squad all season. Williams was taken 33 picks ahead of Murray in the 2011 draft. Murray, a fourth-year back, has yet to make it through a full season without missing games because of injuries. He missed the last three games of his rookie season with a broken ankle and sat out six games in 2012 with a foot injury. Last year, Murray missed two games with a knee injury. He has started 22 consecutive games since then. □

Edmonton Oilers fire coach Dallas Eakins



In this Nov. 27, 2014, file photo, Edmonton Oilers head coach Dallas Eakins reacts to an officials call in the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Nashville Predators in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Dallas Eakins has been fired as coach of the Ed-

monton Oilers, who have lost 15 of 16 games and are well on the way to missing the playoffs for the ninth consecutive season.

According to reports, general manager Craig MacTavish will coach the team for the rest of the year. MacTavish is scheduled to speak with the media Monday.

Edmonton has 19 points through 31 games, last in the Western Conference. The Oilers went 36-63-14 under Eakins in parts of two seasons, including 7-19-5 this year.

Hired in the summer of 2012 to help the Oilers be "in the mix every year to win," Eakins missed the playoffs in his only full season behind the bench. □

People finding their 'waze' to once-hidden streets

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) --

When the people whose houses hug the narrow warren of streets paralleling the busiest urban freeway in America began to see bumper-to-bumper traffic crawling by their homes a year or so ago, they were baffled.

When word spread that the explosively popular new smartphone app Waze was sending many of those cars through their neighborhood in a quest to shave five minutes off a daily rush-hour commute, they were angry and ready to fight back.

They would outsmart the app, some said, by using it to report phony car crashes and traffic jams on their streets that would keep the shortcut-seekers away.

Months later, the cars are still there, and the people are still mad.

"The traffic is unbearable now. You can't even walk your dog," said Paula Hamilton, who lives on a once quiet little street in the Santa Monica Mountains in a neighborhood called Sherman Oaks.

Hamilton's winding little road up the low-slung mountains that separate the city's traffic-clogged San Fernando Valley from its equally traffic-clogged west side is now filled each weekday morning with a parade of exhaust-belching, driveway-blocking, bumper-to-bumper cars.

So is practically every other nearby street that parallels the busy Interstate 405 freeway.

On the other side of the mountain, where cars cruise down roads into tony Brentwood, traffic has also been the hot topic of late, with several people telling each other they will fool the app with their phony accident reports.

"I don't know if you could find anyone who would admit to doing it,

but several people have said they will," longtime resident Joann Killeen said.

If they have, they've obviously failed. Killeen said her four-mile commute to UCLA, where she teaches a public relations class, can take two hours during rush hour. "The streets on the west side are no longer a secret for locals, and people are angry," she said. That's because the app can't be outsmarted, Waze spokeswoman Julie Mossler said.

"With millions of users in LA, fake, coordinated traffic reports can't come to fruition because they'll be negated by the next 10 people that drive down the street passively using Waze," she said.

Besides, Mossler added, "people are inherently good," meaning most wouldn't really screw with the app, no matter what they might say.

Indeed, of all the angry people interviewed for this story, none would admit doing so, although most said they heard someone else had.

Many, however, have been complaining to local officials.

"First thing this morning, my field deputy took an earful from a resident up there," said City Councilman Tom LaBonge, who represents Hamilton's neighborhood.

There are some things that can be done to mitigate the situation, said Los Angeles Department of Transportation spokesman Bruce Gillman, like placing speed bumps and four-way stop signs on streets. Lanes could even be taken out to discourage shortcut seekers, but a neighborhood traffic study would have to be done first.

"Road diet, they call it," Gillman said. "It's to make streets so people can walk, people can bike."

But the bigger problem, Gillman said, is that everybody is using smart-

phone apps these days and they will quickly find every shortcut out there.

"I plead guilty to that," said Richard Close, who is president of the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association that repre-

sents Hamilton's neighborhood. As soon as he gets over the hill to Killeen's neighborhood, Close said, he uses the app to find the fastest route to his office in Santa Monica. Killeen herself admitted she uses Waze and also Sigalert.

com to get around town. Which seems to speak to Mossler's contention that the real problem facing LA residents isn't the traffic app. It's the traffic.

Los Angeles County has 7.6 million registered ve-



In t Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 photo resident Paula Hamilton stands on a street outside her house in the Sherman Oaks section of Los Angeles. Associated Press

hicles, more than some states. The Interstate 405 Freeway that parallels the unhappy neighborhoods carries 379,000 cars a day.

So while a shortcut down a sleepy street might not be a problem in a place like Des Moines or even

struction and population that will only continue to get worse," Mossler said she wrote to a person from the 405 neighborhood who complained. "With or without Waze, drivers will be looking for alternatives to major thoroughfares." □

Dutch watchdog demands privacy changes from Google

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — A Dutch privacy watchdog on Monday ordered Google to make changes to the way it handles users' personal data or face fines of up to 15 million euros (\$18.7 million).

The College for the Protection of Personal Data announced it is giving the Internet giant until the end of February to comply with measures aimed at giving consumers in the Netherlands more clarity about how their personal information is used across the suite of Google services.

Jacob Kohnstamm, chair-

man of the organization, said Google's practice of combining data from different services to tailor ads and personalize services like YouTube "catches us in an invisible web of our personal information, without telling us or asking our permission."

The authority said Google must clearly ask users for permission to combine personal data from the company's different services and further amend its privacy policy so that users are "clearly and consistently informed" about what personal data is used by Google services.

Data Protection Agencies (DPAs) in six European countries, including the Netherlands, opened investigations into Google after it amended its privacy policy early in 2012.

"We're disappointed with the Dutch DPA's order, especially as we have already made a number of changes to our privacy policy in response to their concerns," said Al Verney, a spokesman from Google. "However, we've recently shared some proposals for further changes with the group of European DPAs and we look forward to discussing with them soon." □

Stocks fall after biggest weekly loss since 2012

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Falling oil prices pushed U.S. stocks down broadly on Monday, extending losses into a second week.

European stocks also fell, and the Russian ruble plunged to a record low against the dollar as the continuing collapse in the price of oil reverberated through global financial markets.

A brief rally after trading opened in the U.S. vanished as crude oil continued a six-month slide that has slashed its price nearly in half. Global demand for oil has been waning just as supplies are becoming more abundant.

The stock losses in the U.S. were modest, but markets in Germany and France fell more than 2 percent. The Russian ruble plunged, sending stocks sharply lower there, too.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 12.70 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,989.63. All 10 industry sectors in the index dropped. The losses followed a 3.5 percent drop in the S&P 500 last week, its biggest decline since May 2012.

"People are taking profits, and it can go on for a while," said Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners, an investment fund in New York. "You're seeing a mini-correction."

A solid report on U.S. man-

ufacturers and some merger news helped jolt markets higher after the open, but the gains evaporated after an hour as crude prices fell. The oil slump is worrying investors because it hammers the profits of drillers and other oil companies that are big components in stock indexes. Investors also fear it may signal the global economic slowdown is deeper than expected. The Dow Jones

dollar. The falling price of oil, a chief source of Russian exports and tax revenue, has weighed heavily on the ruble.

Several commentators have noted that plunging oil prices could eventually help U.S. stocks because it pushes down gas prices, freeing up money for Americans to spend at stores.

Doug Cote, chief market strategist at Voya Invest-

mentors may get a better sense of just how much oil is helping consumers when the Federal Reserve concludes a two-day meeting on Wednesday. The central bank statement summarizing its conclusions from such policy setting meetings can move markets. Investors will be looking to see if the statement keeps two key words: "considerable time," a reference to how long the Fed plans



Traders confer as the review stock information at the New York Stock Exchange during early trading, Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, in New York. Falling oil prices pushed U.S. stocks down broadly on Monday, extending losses into a second week. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

industrial average fell 99.99 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,180.84. The Nasdaq composite lost 48.44 points, or 1 percent, to 4,605.16.

The ruble sank 13 percent to 65.83 to the dollar. The Russian currency started the year at 32.85 to the

ment Management, said investors have overreacted to the oil drop and that he expects stocks to rise.

"Every time the consumer goes to the gas pump, it feels fantastic," he said. For the middle class, "it's like getting a big tax cut."

to keep short-term interest rates near zero.

Those low rates are widely credited with helping stocks race higher in the nearly six-year bull market. Most economists think the Fed will wait until June to raise rates. □

CEO of Bob Evans Farms steps down from post

NEW ALBANY, Ohio (AP)

— The CEO of Bob Evans Farms Inc. is stepping down by mutual agreement after more than eight years in the post as the restaurant operator works on improving its performance.

Steve Davis is also giving up his position as a board member.

Its shares rose more than 3 percent in midday trading Monday.

Bob Evans Farms said that it has created an interim Office of the CEO while it looks for a permanent replacement as CEO. It named Chief Financial Officer Mark Hood and Mike

Townsley, president of the Bob Evans Foods division, to the office.

The office is meant to provide ongoing leadership and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the company while the CEO search is performed. Both Hood and Townsley will remain in their current roles while taking on their new responsibilities.

"The independent directors unanimously concluded that as the company strives to improve performance, it would benefit from new leadership and enhanced execution," Mary Kay Haben, non-executive chair, said in a

statement.

Haben was elected as non-executive chair in October. She's been on the board since 2012.

Activist investor Sandell Asset Management Corp. has been pushing for changes at Bob Evans for some time, suggesting the company sell or spin off its food products business, among other changes.

Sandell Asset Management CEO Tom Sandell said in a statement that the firm was pleased that Bob Evans Farms agreed with them that a management change was needed, and called it "another step in the right direction."

Bob Evan Farms has been working with several advisory firms to improve its productivity and cost controls. The New Albany, Ohio-based company said earlier this month that it has hired Lazard to review its strategic and financial plans.

Bob Evans Farms had 562 restaurants in 19 states mostly in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Southeast at end of its fiscal second quarter.

Its shares rose \$1.65, or 3.3 percent, to \$52.16 in afternoon trading. The stock has been up a fraction of a point over the past year through Friday's close. □

Britain's BT in talks for mobile operator EE

LONDON (AP) — BT Group PLC said Monday it is in exclusive talks to buy mobile phone operator EE from Germany's Deutsche Telekom and France's Orange for 12.5 billion pounds (\$20 billion) in cash and shares.

BT, Britain's biggest home telephone and Internet provider, announced last month that it was planning to re-enter the mobile market, which it left in 2001. EE would mark a major re-entry into the mobile phone market for BT. EE is the country's biggest with its 24.5 million customers.

In an after-hours statement Monday, BT said the period of exclusivity "will last several weeks" and allow it to "complete its due diligence and for negotiations on a definitive agreement to be concluded."

It foresees a deal that would leave Deutsche Telekom with a 12 percent stake in BT and Orange a 4 percent stake. EE was created from the merger of mobile phone brands Orange and T-Mobile in 2010 before the business went on to launch the U.K.'s first 4G network in 2012. BT said EE would give it "the U.K.'s most advanced 4G network, giving it greater control in terms of future investment and product innovation." It also said it expected "significant" cost savings from any deal.

BT is the latest telecoms company to adopt a "quad play" strategy, offering customers packages including mobile and fixed-line phone, Internet and television services. The company has moved into the TV sports market, and has bought a clutch of high-profile football rights, such as English Premier League and Champions League broadcasts.

A deal would require the approval of BT shareholders and could raise some regulatory concerns at industry regulator Ofcom.

"It combines the U.K. market-leader in fixed-line with the number one mobile operator," said Paolo Pescatore, a communications analyst at CCS Insight. □

We're Always Still Americans



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Why do people line up to come to this country? Why do they build boats from milk cartons to sail here? Why do they trust our diplomats and soldiers in ways true of no other country? It's because we are a beacon of opportunity and freedom, and also because these foreigners know in their bones that we do things differently from other big powers in history.

One of the things we did was elect a black man whose grandfather was a Muslim as our president - after being hit on Sept. 11, 2001, by Muslim extremists. And one of the things we do we did on Tuesday: We published what appears to be an unblinking examination and exposition of how we tortured prisoners and suspected terrorists after 9/11. I'm glad we published it.

It may endanger captured Americans in the future. That is not to be taken lightly. But this act of self-examination is not only what keeps our society as a whole healthy, it's what keeps us a model that others want to emulate, partner with and immigrate to - which is a different, but vital, source of our security as well.

We've been here before. In wartime, civil liberties are often curtailed and abused, and then later restored. Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus during the Civil War. During World War II, we imprisoned more than 127,000 American citizens solely because they were of Japanese ancestry. Fear does that.

Fear after 9/11 was equally corrosive. I have sympathy for people who were charged with defending the nation's security after that surprise attack. It was impossible to know what was coming next - for which they would be held accountable. But it is hard to read the summaries of the Senate Intelligence Committee's report and not conclude that some officials and the CIA took the slack we cut them after 9/11 - motivated by the fear of another attack - and used it in ways, and long past the emergency moment, that not only involved torture, but abuse of institutions and lying to the public and other departments of government. If not exposed and checked, such actions could damage our society as much as a terrorist attack.

The Times had amazing coverage of this report, as did others. I came across an interactive feature on washingtonpost.com that distilled charges in the report in a way that turns your

stomach.

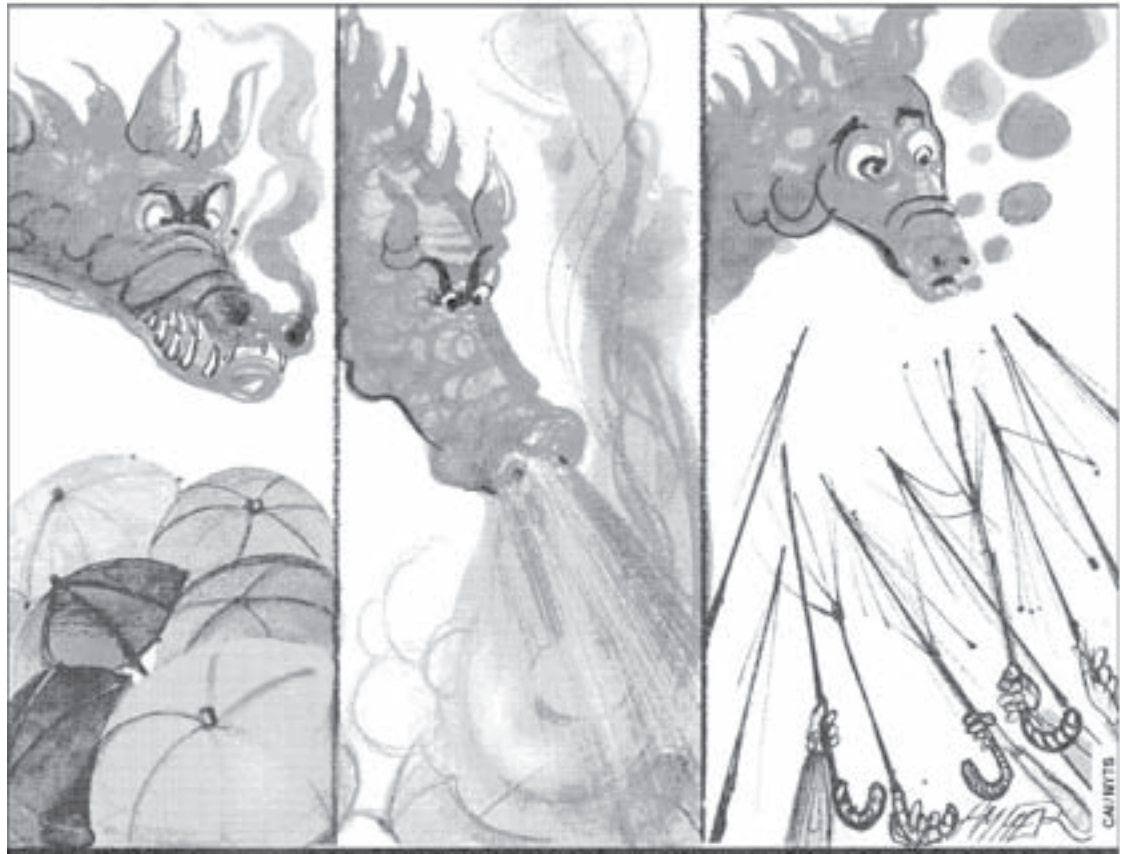
It said: "Click a statement below for a summary of the findings," offering a grim laundry list of links to the report's torture conclusions: "not an effective means of acquiring intelligence," "rested on inaccurate claims of their effectiveness," "brutal and far worse than the CIA represented," "conditions of confinement for CIA detainees were harsher," "repeatedly provided inaccurate information," "actively avoided or impeded congressional oversight," "impeded effective White House oversight" ... "coercive interrogation techniques that had not been approved," "rarely reprimanded or held personnel accountable," "ignored numerous internal critiques, criticisms, and objections," "inherently unsustainable," "damaged the United States' standing in the world."

And there were more. The list told you that our post-9/11 fears led us to tolerate some terribly aberrant, dishonest and illegal behaviors that needed to be fully exposed, because big lies being tolerated lead to little lies being tolerated lead to institutions and trust being eroded from the inside.

I have no illusions: more terrorists are out there and they want to use the openness of our open society precisely to destroy it. And if there had been another 9/11 after the first 9/11, many Americans would have told the CIA to do whatever it wants, civil liberties be damned. Our sentries who prevented further attacks were protecting our civil liberties as well.

We want to keep attracting to our security services people who will have that sense of duty and vigilance. Our bargain is that we have to let them know we understand their challenge and will let them go to the edge of the law - and in rare, ticking time-bomb emergencies even over it, if justified - to protect us.

But their bargain with us has to be that they will take the slack and trust we give them and not go over that edge out of habit, laziness, convenience, mendacity or misguided theories, and in the face internal protests - all of which damage our country. The report is about how that bargain broke down, and it represents an important step in rebuilding it. I greatly respect how Sen. John McCain put it: "I understand the reasons that governed the decision to resort to these interrogation methods, and I know that those who approved them and those who used them were dedicated to securing justice for the victims of terrorist attacks and to protecting Americans from further harm. ... But I dispute wholeheartedly that it was right for them to use these methods, which this report makes clear were neither in the best interests of justice nor our security nor the ideals we have sacrificed so much blood and treasure to defend." Even in the worst of times, "we are always Americans, and different, stronger, and better than those who would destroy us."



Whites As Minority



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In the responses to my "When Whites Just Don't Get It" series, I've been struck by the lack of empathy some whites show for members of minority groups. So imagine if the world were reversed. Then "the talk" might go like this:

"Son, sit down. You're 13, old enough to have a conversation that I've been dreading."

"Oh, come on, Dad. I hope this isn't about the birds and the bees."

"Nope. That'd be easy. Have you seen the video of the white horticulturalist being choked to death by police?"

"All the kids have seen it. He says he can't breathe, and black cops still kill him. [Expletive!]"

"Don't curse. It is wrong, but it's the way the world works. And that's why Mom and I are scared for you. With us whites in the minority, some cops are just going to see you as a threat no matter what. You're going to get stopped by black cops, and I want you to promise you'll never run or mouth off. Mom and I can't protect you out there, and white kids are 21 times as likely as black kids to be shot dead by

police. So even when a cop curses you, I want you to call him Sir." "Anybody curses me, he won't get away with it."

"Yes, he will. And if he shoots you, he might get away with it, too. Especially when you keep wearing clothes all the other white boys wear like those polo shirts. Black cops see you in them and suspect trouble. Black folks make the rules, and we have to live by them. Like it or not."

"[Expletive!] Racists!"

"Hey! I told you not to curse. And don't hold it against all blacks. Lots have joined with whites in protesting these killings. And even for those who are unsympathetic, most aren't evil, just clueless."

"C'mon, Dad. When a 12-year-old white kid is shot dead because he's holding a toy gun, when a white woman professor is thrown to the ground for jaywalking, when cops smash a car window to Taser a white guy in front of kids, that's not cluelessness. That's evil. White lives matter."

"It's complicated. Remember when you were suspended in the fourth grade for being disruptive?"

"That was ridiculous."

"Yup. White kids get suspended when black kids don't. That's just the way it is. But the black vice principal who suspended you - he's the same guy who enthusiastically organizes White History Month each year. Intellectually, he believes in civil rights. But he kicks out white kids for the same reason doctors give less pain medication to white patients. Same reason that in experiments a résumé that is identifiably white gets fewer callbacks than the exact same résumé from a black person. It's not on purpose, but people 'otherize' us. That's why you'll have to work harder to succeed in life - and even then you'll be followed around department stores by security guys."

"OK, Dad. Anyway, I got to go." "Society cares about inequality.

But the big inequality debate is about rich and poor, and some folks don't seem to notice all the inequality that comes with race.

White Americans have a per capita income that's lower than in Equatorial Guinea, and life expectancy is roughly the same as in Sri Lanka. The system here is sometimes rigged. Cops stop and frisk whites four times as often they do blacks. And that criminal record hurts your chance to get a good job, to marry, to vote. Everybody makes mistakes, but black kids get the benefit of the doubt. You don't, simply because you're white."

"Dad, I got it. Can I go now?"

"I guess 13-year-olds aren't made for listening. Look, this thing we call 'race' is such a petty thing in biological terms. A minor adaptation in the last 100,000 years. Race is a social construct. It shouldn't be what defines us."

"Hm. Feels pretty important to me."

"Well, it kills, and that's why we're having this talk. But there is also great progress. It's incredible that we finally have our very first white president."

"Who lots of blacks say was born in Europe! And whose sons get dissed for embarrassing the White House for dressing like the rest of us."

"I'm glad the news reports jumped all over those comments. But I wish everyone were as outraged by destructive policies. When our education policy is to send so many white kids to third-rate schools, that's worse than any racial epithet."

"OK. Later, Dad!"

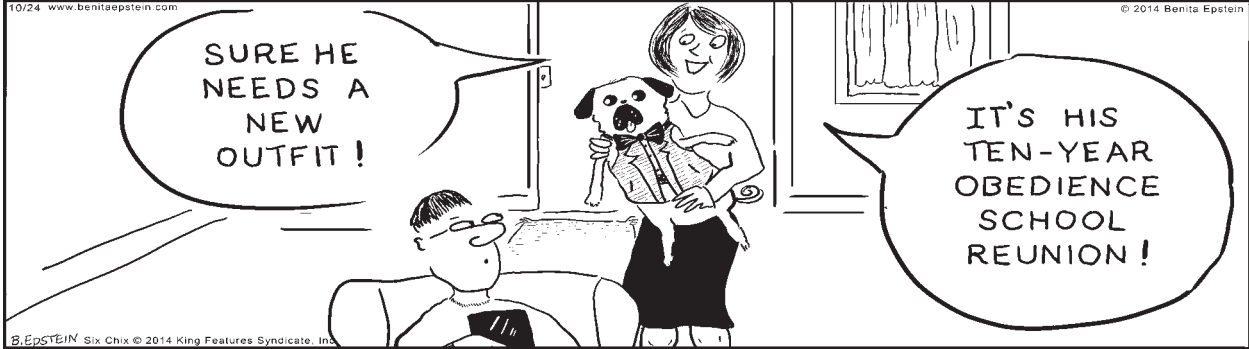
"Just remember: Some blacks just don't get it, but black privilege isn't their fault. If things were reversed and we whites were in the majority, we might be just as oblivious."

"Dad, we whites would never be like that!"

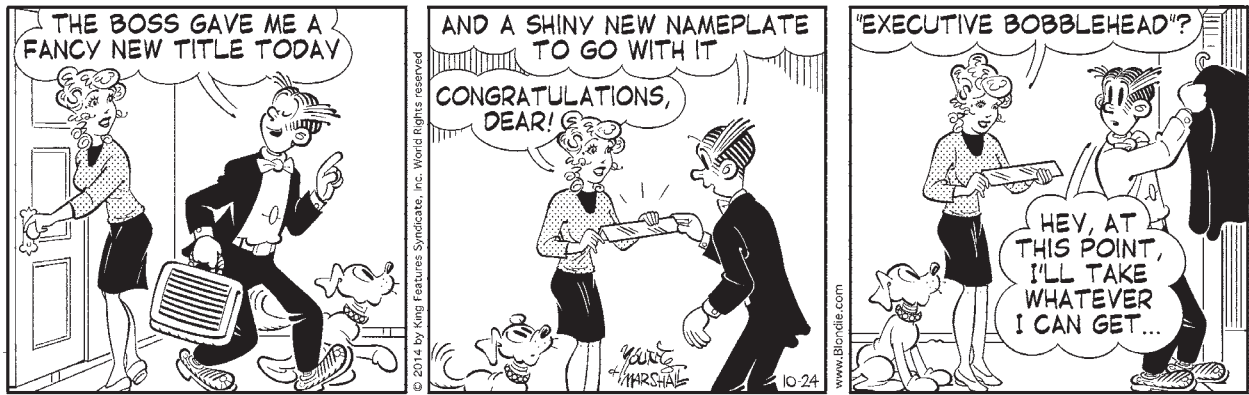
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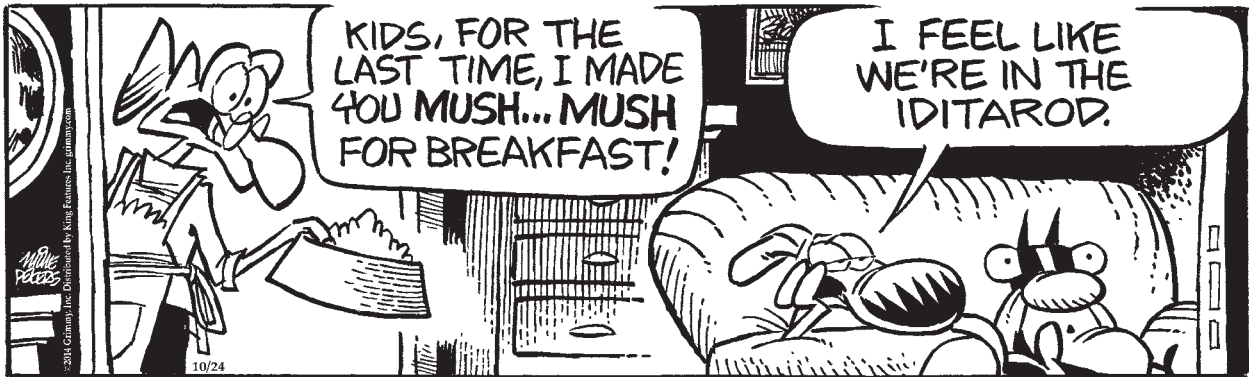
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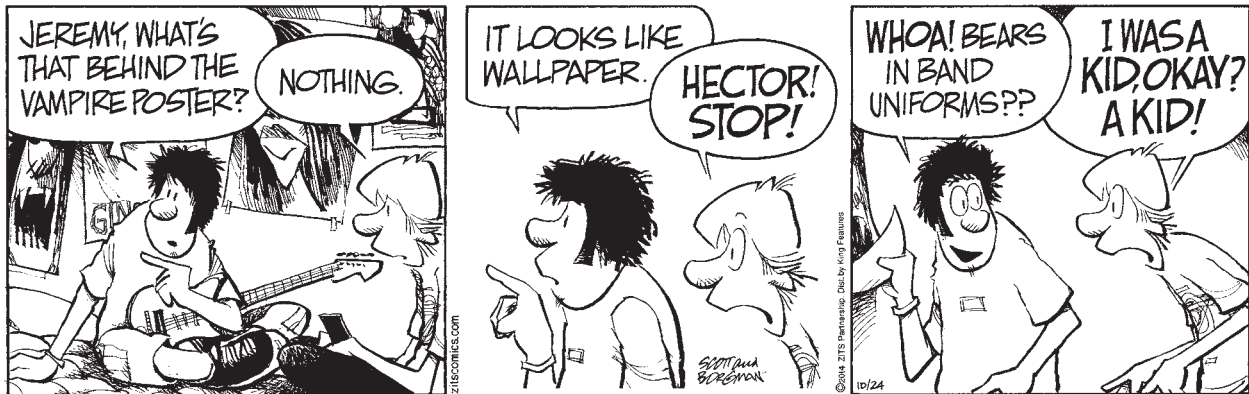
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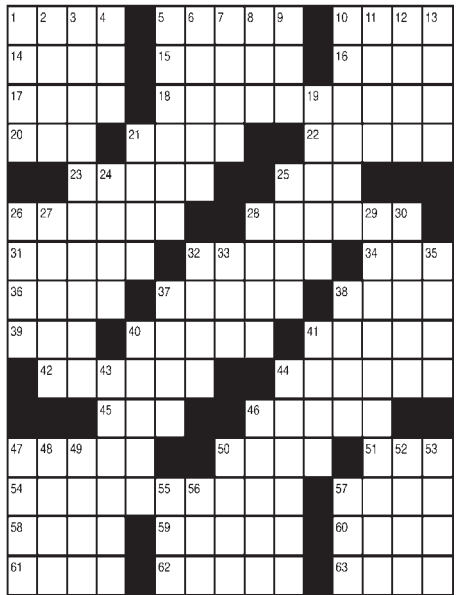
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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37 Bar of gold
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Merriam-Webster names 'culture' word of the year

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A nation, a workplace, an ethnicity, a passion, an outsized personality. The people who comprise these things, who fawn or rail against them, are behind Merriam-Webster's 2014 word of the year: culture. The word joins Oxford Dictionaries' "vape," a darling of the e-cigarette movement, and "exposure," de-

clared the year's winner at Dictionary.com during a time of tragedy and fear due to Ebola. Merriam-Webster based its pick and nine runners-up on significant increases in lookups this year over last on Merriam-Webster.com, along with notable, often culture-driven — if you will — spikes of concentrated interest. In the No. 2 spot is "nostalgia," during a year of big

50th anniversaries pegged to 1964: the start of the free speech movement, the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the birth of the Ford Mustang and the British Invasion heralded by the landing of the Beatles on U.S. soil for the first time. Nostalgia was followed by insidious, legacy, feminism and a rare multiword phrase that can be looked up in total, in a foreign language at that: the French "je ne sais quoi."

The Springfield, Massachusetts-based dictionary giant filters out perennial favorites when picking word of the year, but does that formula leave them chasing language fads? "We're simply using the word culture more frequently," said Peter Sokolowski, editor at large for Merriam-Webster. "It may be a fad. It may not. It may simply be evolution." Sokolowski noted that the reasons words are looked up aren't just about not knowing what they mean. Sometimes, he said, we seek inspiration or a way to check in on ourselves. Of more than 100 million lookups on the website each month and a similar number on the company's app, culture enjoyed a 15 percent year-over-year increase.

Percentage-wise, it doesn't sound like much, but the raw number in that stratosphere is large, Sokolowski said. He wouldn't disclose actual numbers, though, citing the proprietary nature of that data for a company still privately held. Sokolowski is a lexicographer, not a mind reader, so his observations about why any single word takes off in terms of lookups is well-informed but theoretical. "The word culture's got a cultural story. We have noticed for years that culture has a cyclical spike every year at around Labor Day. □

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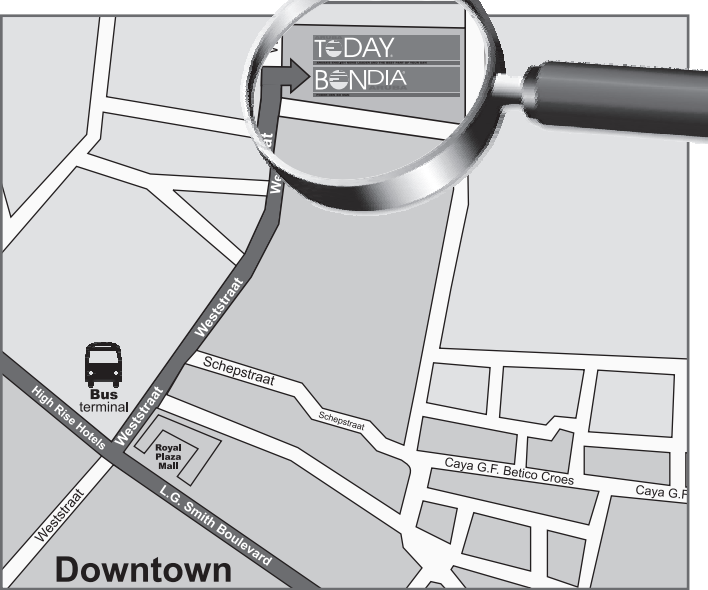


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Study: Hotter days in U.S. mean less cold cash

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Hotter days mean less cold cash for Americans, according to a new study matching 40 years of temperatures to economics. Days that averaged about 77 degrees ended up reducing people's income by about \$5 a day when compared with days that were about 20 degrees cooler. A county's average economic productivity decreases by nearly 1 percent for every degree Fahrenheit that the average daily temperature is above 59, says a National Bureau of Economic Research working paper released Monday.

And, the study's authors predict, if the world continues on its current path of greenhouse gas emissions, even warmer temperatures later this century will squeeze the U.S. economy by tens of billions of dollars each year. This is not from storms, drought or other weather disasters - just the sweat of



In this July 25, 2014, file photo, a roofer works under the midday sun in Gilbert, Ariz.

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daily heat.

The paper by a pair of economists at the University of Illinois and University of California, Berkeley, has not yet been peer-reviewed but is part of work done for the nonpartisan economics research center that is widely cited for determining when the country is in and out of re-

cessions. In comments from other researchers, the new study was criticized for its methods and conclusions by some economists and policy experts but praised by others as groundbreaking.

The study tries to find common ground between the hard physical science of meteorology and the softer science of economics. In doing so, the researchers used new complex statistical techniques crunching more than 76,000 data points, including daily temperatures and yearly economic data in counties across America, said co-author Solomon Hsiang of the University of California, Berkeley.

The numbers were clear, the researchers said.

"Hot temperatures are very bad for the economy," said study co-author Tatyana Deryugina, a professor of finance at the University of Illinois.

This has been seen in other studies in hotter, less developed areas such as India. But scientists and

economists often assumed it wouldn't be the case for richer countries with air conditioning, like the United States, said Hsiang, who teaches public policy. But America's economy doesn't adapt as experts thought, said Hsiang, who examined all U.S. counties' daily temperature and yearly economic data going back to 1970.

Hsiang said the "sweet spot" where productivity is maximized - a daily average temperature between 54 and 59 degrees - at first seemed cooler than expected, but that's an average 24-hour temperature. Daily highs can be 11 degrees warmer and lows 11 degrees cooler. So these are days when the afternoon is around 70.

While most people work indoors in climate-controlled settings they still go outside a lot, and hot weather elevates body temperature for a while, affecting how people work, Hsiang said.

"These are little things that add up," Hsiang said. "It's not like a hurricane. ... This is

more like a story of deaths by a thousand cuts."

Carnegie Institute scientist Chris Field, who heads a United Nations climate change science panel that looks at the effects of global warming, praised the study as "creative and powerful."

"It may take some time for the community to reflect on the methods to decide if they are as effective as they seem, but my first impression is that this study provides unique insights into the big-picture consequences of temperature variation for income," Field said.

University of Sussex economist Richard Tol criticized the study, saying that people tend to work harder and make up productivity losses in following days. He said not taking this into account makes the authors overestimate the heat effects.

But if the losses were made up within days, the way the economic data is annualized, the study authors wouldn't have noticed any difference because they would have equaled out, Hsiang said. Further, he said, more analysis showed that there was a "make up" effect but it was in the year after a hot year and only accounted for half the losses.

Doug Handler, chief North American economist of IHS Economics, said it is hard enough to measure economic productivity accurately on annual basis, let alone come up with precise daily numbers that correlate to temperatures. He said, "the margin of error in the published statistics is too great to allow for a believable micro-assessment of this type."

No November global heat record

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. meteorologists say last month was only the globe's seventh warmest November on record. That's the first time since July that a month hasn't broken the record for heat. Still, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate monitoring chief Deke Arndt says after 11 months, 2014 is likely to break the annual heat record set in 2010. It was the hottest September to November on record.

If December is at least 0.76 degrees (0.42C) warmer than the 20th century average, then 2014 will set the global record. Since 2000, December has averaged 0.95 degrees (0.53C) warmer than that standard.

Arndt said the world's oceans set a new monthly heat record in November, the seventh time in a row, making it more likely that 2014 will set the heat record.



In this Oct. 9, 2014 file photo, Judy Blume attends a screening of "Listen Up Philip" at the New York Film Festival in New York. Associated Press

Judy Blume book for adults to be released in June

NEW YORK (AP) — Judy Blume is returning to the grown-up section. The author's first adult novel since 1998 is coming out in June. Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Monday that the novel "In the Unlikely Event" will be set in the early 1950s in Blume's native New Jersey and will tell of a series of mysterious plane crashes. The 76-year-old Blume

is one of the world's most popular children's authors. She is known for such novels as "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" and "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing." Most writers for young people struggle to reach older audiences, but Blume's previous adult novel, "Summer Sisters," sold more than 3 million copies. □



In this image provided by Turner Classic Movies, Clark Gable, left, appears in character as Rhett Butler and Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, in the film "Gone with the Wind." Associated Press

'Gone with the Wind' premiere sparked tension

JOHNNY CLARK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Seventy-five years after the premiere of the movie "Gone with the Wind," research is shedding light on the racial tensions that existed at the time between the producer and city of Atlanta officials. Emory University film studies professor Matthew Bernstein has conducted extensive re-

search into the archives of the film's producer, David O. Selznick. His findings illustrate some of Selznick's concerns with the city's treatment of the film's black stars at the Dec. 15, 1939 premiere.

"Producer David O. Selznick was upset that Hattie McDaniel would not be invited to the Atlanta premiere," said Bernstein. "He argued over and over that she should be allowed."

McDaniel played the character, Mammy, and went on to become the first black actor to receive an Academy Award for her performance as Best Supporting Actress in 1940.

Selznick was guided by the office of Atlanta's then-mayor William B. Hartsfield. It was Hartsfield that originally reached out to Selznick to bring the premiere to the city. But due to the racial segregation laws of the time, none of the movie's black stars were allowed to attend the premiere or even be included in the movie's promotional program. McDaniel did attend the Los Angeles premiere and was featured in the program.

"Selznick, because he was Jewish, was very mindful of the persecution of the Jews in Europe in the late-1930s under Nazism," Bernstein remarks. "And he saw an analogy between that persecu-

tion and the life of African-Americans under Jim Crow, especially in the South."

Bernstein spent years poring over the Harry Ransom Center's Selznick archive at the University of Texas, Austin. Among the items studied, memos and telegrams exchanged with Selznick's staff document the extent of his efforts to persuade Atlanta officials to change their minds.

However, Katharine Brown, Selznick's east coast assistant and story editor, concedes in a Dec. 8, 1939 letter to Selznick that efforts to include the black cast must end.

"I hope this will not prove to be a dissatisfaction to you but with everyone so touchy, I am trying very hard to use my very best judgment not to create situations," Brown writes.

In contrast to the city's treatment of the movie's black cast, local black organizations performed at various events leading up to the night of the premiere.

"One of the most fascinating things about the festivities is Martin Luther King Jr., when he was 10 years old, actually appeared on stage at a charity ball dressed as a slave in front of a mock-up of Tara singing with the Ebenezer Baptist Church choir," Bernstein points out. □

'Theory of Everything' star Eddie Redmayne weds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eddie Redmayne is celebrating more than his best-actor nominations this week. "The Theory of Everything" star is also a newlywed. A spokeswoman for Redmayne says the actor married his girlfriend, Hannah Bagshawe, in a private ceremony Monday in England. Publicist Carrie Gordon says the couple celebrated with a small number of close family and friends. The 32-year-old Redmayne is generating big awards buzz for his turn as Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything" and has already garnered nominations from the Golden Globes



In this Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 file photo, actor Eddie Redmayne and Hannah Bagshawe arrive on the blue carpet for the UK premiere of "The Theory of Everything," at the Odeon in Leicester Square, central London.

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and Screen Actors Guild Awards. Redmayne's past film

credits include "Les Misérables" and "My Week With Marilyn." □

'Selma' stars on poignancy and parallels of movie

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — At Sunday's premiere of "Selma" in New York, the cast acknowledged parallels between their film about the African-American civil rights movement and recent protests nationwide, calling attention to the deaths of unarmed black males at the hands of police.

"You can look out your window and you can see people protesting and you can look at the film and it looks similar, said Oprah Winfrey, who is a producer on the film and has an acting role as well. "People are wearing different kind of clothes,

it's a different era but the same issues still prevail."

"Selma," co-written and directed by Ava DuVernay, is based on the 1965 marches from the Alabama cities of Selma to Montgomery, led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. At the time, they were calling for voting rights.

David Oyelowo, who plays King in the film, added "We couldn't have predicted what would happen in terms of what's going on, race relations-wise. We finished shooting in early July and by early August Michael Brown had been murdered and now we're in the middle of the Eric Garner situation. I just think

it shows. ... We do not live in a post-racial America."

He added he hopes "Selma" shows "that this struggle continues and we all have to participate."

And participate is what some of the actors in the film have done. Actress Lorraine Toussaint said she took her 10-year-old daughter to march in a protest in New York the day before.

"I wanted to make sure that she knows that she can make a difference; that it is important to stand up and speak out when there is wrong, when there is injustice," said Toussaint. "Evil only propagates when we are silent and so you know



Producer Oprah Winfrey, left, poses with actors David Oyelowo and director Ava DuVernay at the premiere of "Selma" at the Ziegfeld Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, in New York.

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it's a difficult time but our voices matter and I wanted my daughter to know that her voice matters."

Others took their activism to the red carpet.

Actor Wendell Pierce wore a shirt that said "I Can't Breathe" for Garner, who died in July at 43-years-old after being put in a chokehold by a New York City police officer during an arrest for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

"This is not a movie about the past," he said. "It's a movie about a very, very acute present because it's all the same issues that have been going on for a long time."

Co-star Ruben Santiago-Hudson raised his hands for

photographs, in reference to the killing of Brown, an 18-year-old who reportedly had his hands up when he was shot dead by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. Tyler Perry, who is not in the movie but was there to support Winfrey, said the continued turnout for the protests has given him hope.

"Emotionally for me it just let me know that everything is gonna be OK. Everything is gonna be OK. It's like being in a battle with a lion or tiger and then you see all this help coming your way, you know, and I think that it is beyond moving and powerful and phenomenal."

"Selma" opens in limited release Dec. 25 and goes wide Jan. 9. □

'True Blood' actress Anna Camp to star in new play

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Pitch Perfect" and "True Blood" actress Anna Camp is returning to the stage, starring as a struggling writer in a new play by Nick Jones at Lincoln Center.

Camp, whose credits include the film "The Help" and parts on Broadway in "Equus" and "The Country Girl," will lead the cast of the thriller "Verite" at the Claire Tow Theater starting Jan. 31.

"It's really something I haven't read before. So I was determined to go get it," Camp said. "It's ahead of the audience. I was never ahead of it while reading it."

Camp wrapped up "True Blood" this summer and appears in two upcoming films — with Paul Schneider in "Goodbye to All That" this week and with Anna Kendrick in "Pitch Perfect 2" in May — so she's looking forward to some theater work.

"I need it," Jones said Monday from Los Angeles. "It's going to be in the dead of winter, in New York, but that's fine. I don't care. I feel like my soul needs it. I'm going to be bundled up going to Lincoln Center every day, and that sounds



In this June 17, 2014 file photo, actress Anna Camp arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of the 7th and final season of "True Blood" in Los Angeles.

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like heaven to me."

Jones' 90-minute play centers on a writer who is offered an unusual deal for her memoir: She has to make her life exciting enough to deserve it being published. Jones' other plays include "Trevor" and "The Coward," and he's a writer and co-producer of "Orange is the New Black." Camps said she fell in love with the script and her character. "This woman has such an amazing arc," she said. "She starts out this shy, self-conscious and afraid-to-be-vulnerable woman. I don't want to give too much away, but

she truly becomes a very determined, slightly psychotic person."

The play also stars Oliver Hollmann, Ebon Moss-Bachrach, Robert Sella, Jeanine Serralles, Danny Wolohan and Damian Young. Moritz von Stuelpnagel will direct.

Camp — and her dog, a stoutish puggle — will be returning to New York after a few years in California. "I've been busy, which has been great. But that's where I always saw myself. It's where I feel the most creative and the most inspired. So I am itching to get back." □

MSNBC launches Shift, new online news channel

NEW YORK (AP) — MSNBC on Monday launched a new online service featuring Web-only fare.

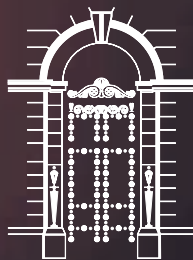
The channel, christened "Shift," combines live news and short documentaries with original shows that focus on sports, economics, politics and other topics.

One-hour programs include the Washington-oriented "The Briefing" with Luke Russert, "Krystal Clear," with Krystal Ball discussing women's issues and a look at the week in popular culture called "So

Popular!"

The slate of programming runs Mondays through Fridays as a channel apart from the existing MSNBC.com.

Besides its role as an additional information resource, Shift is designed as a site for developing new series that might make their way to the MSNBC cable channel. Shift follows last month's introduction of CBSN, a digital streaming network that features live, anchored coverage by CBS News each weekday. □



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